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Battle looms over privatization of gas and electricity

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The Government is embarking on a wide-ranging review of privatization plans for the next five years which looks certain to lead to a clash between the Treasury and the Department of Energy over the future of the gas and electricity industries.

Mr *Peter* Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, is expected *to come under strong* pressure from Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, to introduce greater competition into the industries, possibly including such radical options as breaking up British Gas and allowing private industry to sell gas direct to consumers.

The issue is likely to come to a head at a series of meetings between the Treasury and departments responsible for the nationalized industries which is planned for the next few weeks as part of an exercise to map out the Government's privatization *programme for the rest of this* Parliament.

Ministers at Transport, Energy and Trade and Industry are among those being asked to put forward options for how they propose to introduce competition and private capital into the industries they cannot.

This exercise partly reflects the continuing central role of privatization in the Government's economic strategy, which was underlined two weeks *ago in a speech* by Mr John Moore, the Financial Secretary *to the Treasury*, who is responsible for coordinating the *privatization programme.*

Whereas the Government raised *less than* £2,000m from denationalization and assest sales in its first four years, Treasury ministers believe that it could be possible to realize at least £10,000m from privatization in the next five years – particularly if the profitable gas and electricity industries are included.

But the exercise also reflects a determination to switch the emphasis away from simple *change of ownership to genuine* improvements in competition and efficency.

While the Government is *pressing ahead* with its plan to float British Telecom on the Stock Exchange in October, it is sensitive to charges of having merely substituted a private monoply for a public one, while doing little to promote competition in the industry.

One privatization scheme – a management buyout at the *National Bus Company* – has already been rejected

The *future of the gas* and electricity industries will cause the most heated debate as they pose similar issues of regulation and competition to those raised by the British Telecom flotation.

Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, has fiercely resisted moves to break up the corporation

This view – while it is thought to have won the support of Mr Walker – will be challenged by the Treasury.

In his speech two weeks ago, Mr Moore said that while the transmission and distribution of gas and electricity could be regarded as *natural* monopolies; electricity generation and the marketing and production of gas were not.

EEC acts to enforce steel prices

Stringent controls on minimum EEC steel prices will be introduced next month in an effort to prevent illegal overproduction which, according to the European Commission, threaten the industry with collapse.

The measures include a system of deposits returned to produce only if the Commission is satified the steel has been sold in fine with EEC policy.

Reagan in DMZ

Massive security surrounded President Reagan's visit to the Korean Demiliterarized Zone,the first US leader to do so Page 5

Miners' ballot

The National Coal Board, to the anger of Mr Arthur Scargill, the mine union leader, is preparing to ballot miners by post on ending their countrywide overtime ban page 2

Navy accused

Allegations that the Royal Navy has concealed, the true cost of some projects will come under close scrutiny when ministers return to their desks *today* Page 2

Andropov calm

Moscow remains unflurried over the Andropov health rumours, officials indeed hinting that the Soviet leader may reappear in public shortly Page 4

Irish challenge

Sinn Fein is to contest the European Parliament election *for the first time* next year and if successful will take its seats Political role, page 2

Ring of protest

The Polish people have been given special telephone numbers to call to protest against food price rises, announced at the weekend, whiich come into force on January 1 Page 5

Grenadians held

The United States Army is holding 140 Grenadians for *interrogation at Point Salines* detention centre, using 10ft by 10ft wooden crates as *isolation* cells Page 4

McEnroe wins

John McEnroe won the Benson and Hedges singles championships at Wembley beating Jimmy Connors 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 in the final. It is the fifth time McEnroe has won the championship in the last six years Page 18

Dispute cuts BBC viewing time

By David Hewson

BBC 1 closed down nearly an hour early last night at 11.50 pm because of the outside broadcast technicians' dispute, which could spread to other parts of the network later this week.

Officials and *members of the* Association of Broadcasting Staffs met over the weekend to discuss the corporation's threat to dismiss technicians who refuse to give an undertaking to work normally by Thursday.

Mr Paddy Leach, the union's assistant general secretary, said yesterday that consultations with union members in the regions were likely to continue until close to the expiry of the BBC deadline. The union is testing the level of support it is likely to receive among its 15,000 BBC members unaffected by the dispute if the dismissals go ahead.

It began in September over the demand by the ABS for late night payments for outside broadcast technicians returning home for assignments, and has increasingly *disrupted* BBC schedules. More than 400 technicians are suspended without pay

A small number of outside broadcast technicians are still working, but the corporation faces serious disruption of its services this week. If there is no early settlement of the issue, the BBC will be looking anxiously to see if support for the technicians spreads

The latest audience ratings show that the BBC is losing *heavily to ITV*. Average viewing of BBC 1 was down 5 per cent on the previous year for the week ending October 23. Both *BBC channels could only manage* a 45 per cent share of viewing time, 35 per cent of it on BBC 1, against ITV's 50 per cent and Channel 4's 5 per cent.

Miners may back Benn nomination

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Tony Wedgwood Benn, the most important figure in the Labour Party outside Parliament, said yesterday that he would be ready, if selected, to contest *the by-election at* Chesterfield when Mr Eric Varley retires.

He said: "I have a constituency." But he added that the decision on the Labour candidature would be made by the local party without outside pressure.

Mr Benn was responding, in an interview on the BBC radio programme *The World This Weekend*, to favourable comments about him by Mr Peter Heathfield, leader of the Derbyshire miners. Mr Heathfield, who said he would support Mr Benn's candidature, described him as a friend of Derbyshire miners, who had spoken at their schools and addressed their conference.

He thought the spotlight would be on Chesterfield, with the pundits *talking about* Mr Neil Kinnock's ascendancy over the party, and "it could be a heavyweight by-election". These points had to be born in mind when choosing a candidate.

Mr Heathfield also compared Mr Benn favourably with Mr Varley, whom he succeeded in 1975 as Secretary for Energy. Mr Benn *was* "generally recognized within the union as the best *Secretary of State for* Energy we have had to deal with".

But other members of the Chesterfield party said yesterday *that Mr Benn* was likely to be opposed by strong local candidates.

The Derbyshire miners are not the force they were when Mr Varley, the son of a mineworker and sponsored by *the union, was first elected for* Chesterfield in 1964. In 1962 *there were about 28,000 Derbyshire* miners; now there are only about 11,500.

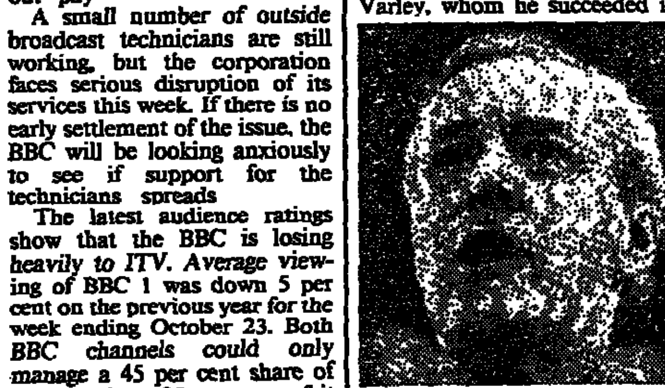
It is some years since the miners had control of the Chesterfield Labour Party and Mr Benn will need support from engineering *and* white collar unions and party branches.

The *Derbyshire* miners' area executive is to meet on Wednesday to decide whether it wants to nominate a miner.

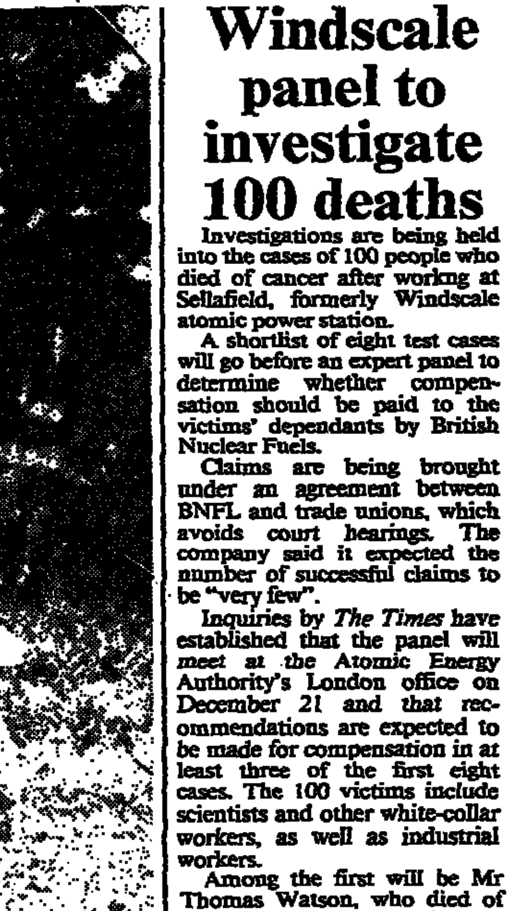
The executive committee of *the Chesterfield constituency* party will meet on Friday to *discuss preparations for* selecting a candidate. They are working in the belief that Mr Varley will resign his seat before Christmas and the by-election will be held before Easter.

Mr Varley served in the *Cabinet* throughout the Parliament of 1974 to 1979. He announced *on Friday that he* intended to leave the Commons at an early date to become executive deputy chairman of Coalite. His majority at the general election in June was 7,763 over the Conservatives, with the Liberal/Alliance candidate third.

Mr Benn was *MP* for Bristol South-East for 33 years but at *the general election* was beaten by the Conservatives for the new seat of Bristol East.



Mr Benn: "I have a contribution to make."



Sentimental journey: The Queen returning to Treetops, Kenya, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and former hunter Mr *Dick Prickett, who* helped *to move* a *stubborn* buffalo from the royal path. (Promise fulfilled, page 4.)

Windscale panel to investigate 100 deaths

Investigations are being held into the cases of 100 people who died of cancer after workng at Sellafield, formerly Windscale atomic power station.

A shortlist of eight test cases will go before an expert panel to determine whether compensation should be paid to the victims' dependants by British Nuclear Fuels.

Claims are being brought under an agreement between BNFL and trade unions, which avoids court hearings. The company said it expected the number of successful claims to be "very few".

Inquiries by *The Times* have established that the panel will *meet* at the Atomic Energy Authority's London office on December 21 and that recommendations are expected to be made for compensation in at least three of the first eight cases. The 100 victims include scientists and other white-collar workers, as well as industrial workers.

Among the first will be Mr Thomas Watson, who died of stomach cancer in 1973, aged 53. He worked at Windscale for 23 years, recovering plutonium from spent nuclear fuel.

His widow, Mary, said Mr Watson was sent home from work several times after radiation exposure.

She said: "The company used *to send a green chauffeur-driven* car to our house to collect samples of his tools and urine. When they were clear, he could go back to work again.

"There were times when he came home late with his face all red and shiny. That was when he had been contaminated and he had been scrubbed to get the contamintion off him."

An *agreement* with the unions was signed last year providing *a scale based on a* formula taking into account the victims' ages and the amount of radiation

The agreement covers deaths from radiation-linked diseases

Pride and protest as nation remembers

By Thomson Prentice

Britain paid *tribute* to her war dead at tradtional Remembrance Day services yesterdsy while demonstraters used the occasion to highlight their fears about wars of the future.

The Prince of Wales laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Queen, half a world away in Kenya, as 25 protesters in Parliament Square were arrested while staging a mock "die in".

***At Greenham Common, the* peace women observed the two-minute *silence, then held a slow* march to protest at the death of an American nuclear analyst.**

In Dresden, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, called for international peace.

***In London's chill, crippled* soldiers from Northern Ireland *and the* Falklands were wheeled past England's red wreaths, following the unfaltering steps of their blinded, older comrades, and sharing with them the gentle, sad applause of the crowds.**

For the first time, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament badges *were officially*, if inconspicuously, on parade, when six members of the Ex-Services CND joined the march past. A wreath *laid* anonymously on their behalf had the message: "Save the world for which our comrades fought and died". Ex-Services CND claims 500 members nationwide.

The last leaves of the pavement sycamores drifted *down to the monument*, shaken by the wind and the cannon shot that marked the start of the silence. Police on the *rooftops tilted their binoculars* towards a noisy, low-flying *helicopter, straying off course* from an RAF base in Kent on a flight to Newcastle. "All aircraft are asked to steer clear", the CAA said. "The circumstances have been reported and will be looked at tomorrow."

As the silence ended, the Prince of Wales, representing the sovereign at the ceremony for the first time, laid the first wreath.

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Royal tribute: The Prince of Wales laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Queen. It was the first time he *had represented the Soveriegn at the ceremony. More* photographs, back page.

CND chief pays peace tribute to Communists

Monsignor Bruce Kent, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, yesterday paid warm tribute to the Communist Party for its involvement with the peace movement.

His *appearance* at the communist party congress in *Hammersmith Town Hall*, London, is bound to cause disquiet among the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church which have already expressed concern about his activities with the CND.

Monsignor Kent told the congress: "I am honoured to be where I am. I am very proud to have been invited and glad to have been *able to accept*."

He said he did not know of any *actions* by the *Communist* Party to atempt to achieve *sectarian advantage, to manipulate* or to manouevre for victory through the CND.

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World longs for peace says Runcie

From Michael Binyon Leipzig

Giving strong support to the peace efforts of the Lutheran *Church in East Germany*, Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, *told* a packed congregation here yesterday that easy talk about peace from those who did not see themselves as God's children was shallow and promoted cynicism.

Dr Runcie preaching on Rememberance Sunday in the rebuilt Kreuzkirche, said the world longed for profound peace but had to be cautious of "easy speaches which come too cheaply."

Making a clear distinction *between the politicized peace* movement of the East German *Government* and *the* church-backed peace campaign, he said the church's slogan *"Gott Uber Alles"* was the heart of the matter. And he added: "The Christian workers for peace in this country have been an inspiration to so many in my

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Assad delays Gemayel visit

Beirut (Reuter) – A visit to Damascus, scheduled for today *by President* Amin Gemayel of Lebanon, was postponed last *night due to* a *sudden* illness suffered by President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, Lebanese officials announced. Beirut radio said Mr Assad would require hospital treatment but did not identify his illness.

The officials said Mr Abdel-Halem Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, would visit Beirut on Thursday to prepare for a Damascus visit by Mr Gemayel when President Assad recovers.

Syrian smiles: With unaccustomed courtesy, Damascus radio had been referring to "His Excellency" President Gemayel while preparations were still being made for today's planned visit. (Robert Fisk writes from Beirut).

Mr Gemayel was going to Damascus with a promise to form a Lebanese government of *national* unity and an offer to ignore the unofficial peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel, provided Mr Assad gave *his word that he* would order the Syrian army to withdraw from *Lebanon as soon as the* Israelis had left.

The meeting which was *to* have marked the official end to the state of near-hostility between the Syrian and Lebanese governments, was also likely to embrace the future of Yassir Arafat, who was hinting this weekend that he might leave the encircled Lebanese city of Tripoli and travel to Amman to recommence talks with King Husain of Jordan on the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

In Damascus yesterday neither the Government-controlled press nor the state radio chose to comment on the American decision to cut off aid to Syria, largely, *one supposes*, because the Syrian Government had *never told its people that it* was receiving such aid

At the *Baddawi* camp *to* the south of Tripoli, Mr Arafat's *guerillas are still* in their frontline positions although some 11,000 Palestinian *civilians* have fled the camp: about 3,000 are still there, many living in underground shelters.

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Anglais Nouveau makes it a two-way wine race

By David Hewson

With Britain on the verge of another Beaujolais race, a new competitor has entered the cross-Channel wine lists, Anglais Nouveau.

When the latest Beaujolais Nouveau is released for sale at midnight in France tonight, the English will strike back. After receiving the blessing of the Prime Minister, six London taxis *will* race across the Channel and through France to Strasbourg *carrying* English food and wine to the European Parliament.

The jocular style of Great *English Wine and Cheese* Race, as it has been dubbed by the *organizers*, the *Conservative* group of the European *Parliament, believes* a *serious* purpose. The group wants to reverse the decision of the Strasbourg authorities not to serve English wine and cheeses in the Parliament's restaurants.

Six English country cheeses, Double Gloucester, Stilton, Cheshire, Leicester, Lancashire and Cheddar, and six English wines, four from Kent, *one from* Sussex and one from Somerset, will be served with *home-made apple chutney*, Sussex bread, and Kent apples and pears, *at a reception in* Strasbourg tomorrow night.

***The six taxi drivers* are giving their time free for the promotion which *has* received the backing of Food from Britain, the Milk Marketing Board, and the English country Cheese Council, in an effort to win the French to the new taste of English food.**

But the plans are well laid for the entry of Beaujolais Nouveau into *Britain*. The wine will arrive by aircraft, by bus, by *racing* car and, in the *case of* London's Piccadilly Hotel, by *elephant*.

The British obsession with Nouveau has now made it the most important world market for the wine and its popularity increases each year. This is in marked contrast to the attitude taken towards Nouveau in the Beaujolais region itself where it *is regarded as distinctly* inferior to other wines of the area.

Nouveau folklore demands that it should be drunk by Christmas, *although there* are those who say that, in the right year, *it can improve with age*. Bottles of the 1982 Nouveau, *which can be bought for £2.30*, can be good value.

So popular is the Nouveau that it represents 42 per cent of French wine imports during the last two months of the year. Early tastings of the 1983 wine showed it to have a deep colour and the promise of a very rich and elegant vintage, probably similar to the remarkable crop of 1978.

Terrorism continues as Sinn Fein heads for wider role in politics

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Provisional Sinn Fein has taken a tentative step towards lifting its ban on members taking their seats in the Dail.

But it has made clear that the violence will continue in spite of any increase in political activity.

Mr Gerry Adams, in his first presidential address to the movement, said the armed struggle was necessary and morally correct. He paid tribute to the "freedom fighters" of the IRA.

But he said the movement was not aiming to take over the Irish Republic and the strategy of revolutionary force had to be disciplined and constantly reassessed.

Mr Adams, who is MP for Belfast, West, had earlier opposed indiscriminate IRA action and said that "proper safeguards" should be taken to avoid civilian casualties.

But the Army, Royal Ulster Constabulary and Ulster Defence Regiment are seen by the movement as "legitimate targets".

That policy was emphasized on Saturday when an IRA rocket attack killed Constable Paul Clarke, and injured seven others at an RUC station in Carrickmore, co Tyrone.

Constable Clarke, aged 29, the father of three childern, was the fifth policeman to die in Northern Ireland in eight days.

The attack came within an hour of the unanimous endorsement of Mr Adams, aged 34, as Sinn Fein president: a move which sealed the ascendancy of young members from Northern Ireland who have achieved electoral success in the province.

Their dominance was also evident in the departure of Mr David O'Connell, the former IRA chief of staff, who was replaced as vice-president by a young trade unionist.

It is these young members who have argued for an end to "conspiratorial politics" in favour of open debate on the possibility of the movement rejecting abstentionism and entering the Dail as part of a plan to build support in the republic.

They want to develop the movement as a force for political and social change in the republic, using the "local involvement" tactics which have succeeded in Northern Ireland.

The chances of Sinn Fein members eventually taking their seats in the Dail increased after the conference agreed a motion allowing for debate on the movement's constitution.

It also voted against reaffirming the ban on discussion of abstentionism, but without the two-thirds majority necessary to alter the constitution.

The votes went against the advice of the Mr Ruairi O Bradaigh, the retiring president, who supported the strategy of fighting elections in Northern Ireland and the Republic, but said that to discuss taking the seats was unthinkable.

"To me, to discuss going into Leinster House is as foreign and as alien as the IRA starting to duscuss a surrender of arms. It is unthinkable.

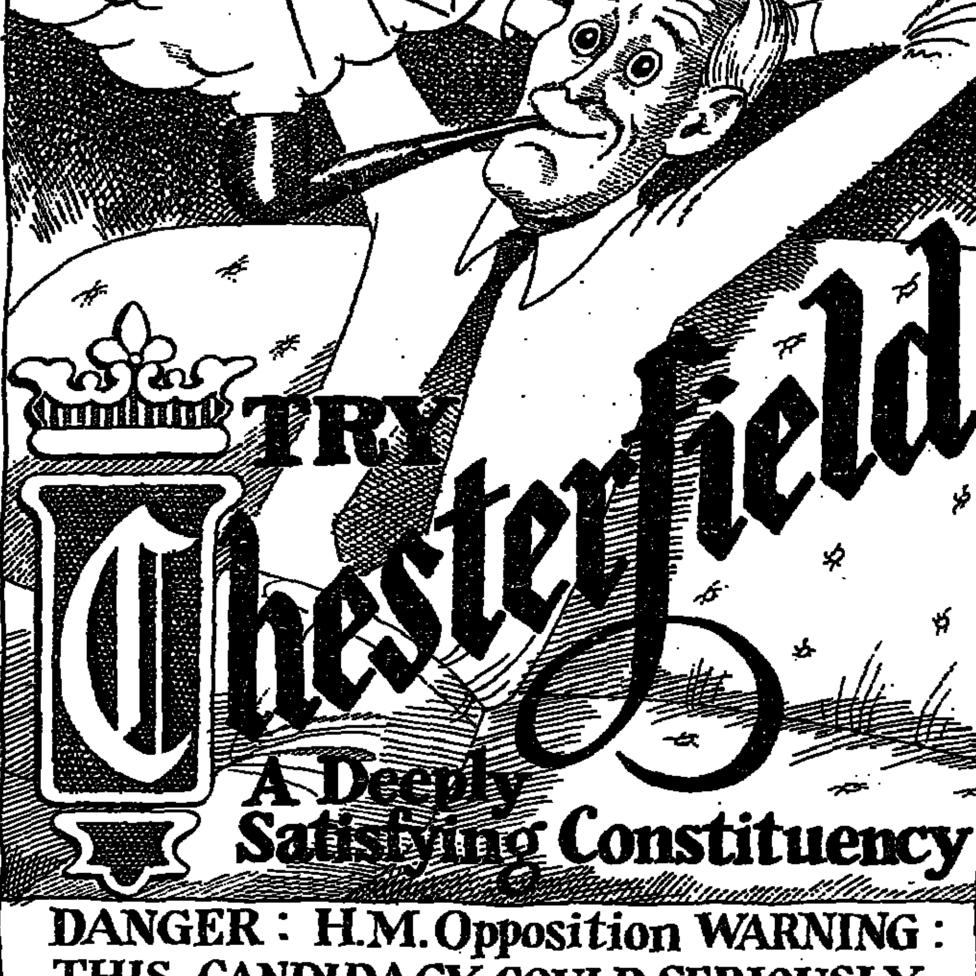
"I do not want us to start discussing converting a revolutionary movement into a constitutional party.

He said such an approach would lead to feuding.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that he was worried that growing support for Provisional Sinn Fein might bring it a lead at the local elections in 1985 over the Social Democratic and Labour Party. He added that it was therefore important to strengthen constitutional nationalism among those who were prepared to work peacefully for the united Ireland which they sought.

Provisionl Sinn Fein had certain attractions for the young as a "more revolutionary type of party". The overwhelming concern was that it was attached to violence. Every time it had been challenged to renounce violence it had failed to do so.

● Barry Robert Llewellyn, aged 25, of Brennan Place, Downpatrick, co Down, appeared in court yesterday charged with murdering two RUC constables on community duty in the town on October 6. He was also charged with membership of the IRA and will appear at Belfast Crown Court on November 21. No application for bail was made.



EEC unveils steel price curbs to end overproduction

Tough controls on minimum steel prices will be introduced next month to prevent illegal overproduction, the European Commission announced yesterday.

Producers of certain steel products will be required to put down a deposit of £27 a ton. The main product involved is hot rolled coil, for which the minimum reference price is to be dropped from £212 to £187 a ton.

The deposit will be returned after a month if the commission verifies that the steel was sold in line with new minimum prices.

The commission has rushed through the new measures because it believes that without them the industry will collapse because of over production by companies trying to make up what they are losing through low prices.

Viscount Etienne Davignon, the Industry Commissioner, said that the commission also proposed to end what he called "fraud being perpetrated by the abusive use of 'seconds'."

He said that the fraud was carried out by making normal highgrade steel, which is covered by price controls, into 'seconds', which are not. Simply by kicking a steelplate, good quality steel can be categorized as not covered by any price conrol.

Viscount Davignon, said that there had been a noticeable increase in the movement of galvasined steelplates from Ireland to Luxembourg — but Ireland does not make that steel.

The commission, acting under EEC rules, took full charge of the steel industry in 1980 in the face of a crippling price war. Since then it has monitored prices and production quotas to keep the steel industry in check.

But, Viscount Davignon said, in the past three months prices had fallen sharply and further measures were needed. Present quotas are due to stop at the end of 1985.

Coal board presses for pits ballot

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The National Coal Board is preparing to take on miners' union leaders by ending their nationwide overtime ban through a £60,000 secret postal ballot of Britain's 180,000 pit workers.

As the industrial action by the National Union of Mineworkers enters its third week today, top NCB managers are working on a three-option strategy for a swift resolution of the dispute over their "final" 5.2 per cent pay offer.

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the coal board, is considering whether he should withdraw the offer, impose it without the agreement of the union, or hold a secret postal ballot of the men to secure their approval.

He has privately said that he would prefer to "give democracy a helping hand" by organizing the poll that NUM leaders last week refused to hold despite management please and some evidence of rank-and-file dissatisfaction with the overtime ban.

Disclosure of the ballot plan brought a rapid and hostile response from Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, last night. He described it as "blatant interference within an indepentent, democratic trade union."

Mr MacGregor successfully went over the heads of union leaders to win approval for his "survival plan" for British Steel. He has been advised that it will not be as easy to repeat that success with the miners.

However, managers in the coalfields are reporting growing resentment against the NUM as the limited industrial action begins to bite into wages.

The board is not prepared to wait until December 8, the date of the next NUM executive meeting, beforeactingunilaterally.

If action is put off until after that date, Mr MacGregor's advisers say, resentment currently being shown against the union could shift quickly into hostility towards the board.

BR talks machinery in trouble

By Our Labour Editor

Industrial trouble is brewing in yet another nationalized industry as British Rail management prepares to abolish the arbitration body that has acted as a final appeal court for disputed for nearly 30 years.

Mr Bob Reid, British Rail's new chairman, has called in leaders of the three rail unions on December 12 to discuss a reorganization of the industry's labour relations machinery, particularly a "significant proposal" to abolish the Railway Staff National Tribunal, chaired by Lord McCarthy.

A spokesman for the National Union of Railwaymen said of the proposal yesterday: "I would hazard a very good guess that we shall oppose it strongly. We would wish to maintain the negotiating machinery that has stood the test of time".

He pointed out that the railway chairman had said recently in his own house journal, *Rail News*, that changes had come quickly through the existing machinery.

If British Rail insists on scrapping the arbitration body which has handed down some key verdicts on pay and working practices in the past three years the unions may demand the abolition of the whole structure of joint relationships in the industry.

That would free the unions from the present system of local representation, under which staff representatives are chosen in elections conducted by management. "We could then go down the road of shop stewards", the NUR said. "That is not something the board would want."

The December conference will involve the NUR, the train drivers' union, Aslef, and the white collar union, TSSA.

There has been strong political pressure on the British Rail Board from Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, for the reform

CND chief 'proud' to address communists

RUPERT MORRIS offers a glimpse of Britain's Communists in fractious congress yesterday at Hammersmith town hall.

Monsignor Kent, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament was given a rapturous reception as guest of honour at the 38th Congress of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

He declared himself "proud to have been invited and delighted to be able to accept".

Shortly afterwards he made a contribution to the day's main debate, on whether *Marxism Today*, the party's monthly journal, was ideologically acceptable. He found the publication "a stimulating, interesting journal".

The next debate was between the dominant Euro-Communists and the hard-line pro-Soviet faction, which believes the leadership is displaying dangerous revisionist tendencies.

The attack on the leadership was led by Mr Mick Costello, who accused the Euro-Communists of being "hampered by doubts about Marxist Leninism", while the Costello supporters were described by one delegate as "political dinosaurs".

However, Ms Sue Michie, from the Costello camp, warned that *Marxism Today* had become "divorced from the struggle" and was even distributed by W. H. Smith – that was the ultimate sellout to capitalism.


Martin Jacques: "Accused of being a success"

Mr Martin Jacques, editor of *Marxism Today*, said he stood accused, as one delegate put it, of running a successful magazine – *Marxism Today* has more than doubled its circulation in six years while the party's established daily paper, *The Morning Star*, continued to lose readers.

New doubts on Reuter flotation

By David Walker

Sir Christopher Chancellor, former chief executive of Reuters, yesterday invoked the name of the eminent jurist Lord Goddard to support his argument that the news agency's trust document is an immovable obstacle to the proposed £1bn flotation of Reuters in the stock market.

Lord Goddard, as Lord Chief Justice, was involved in the drafting of Reuters' original trust deed in 1941 and was called on to approve changes in 1946 and 1950. This, Sir Christopher said, refuted the claim that altering the trust did not need high judicial approval.

Lawyers recently told Reuters' board that the trust agreement – on the joint ownership of Reuters by the Press Association and the Newspaper Publishers Association with a minority stake held by the Australian and New Zealand press associations – was merely an agreement among shareholders.

In a statement last week the Reuters board reported "useful progress" towards flotation.

But there are fears that a change in ownership could threaten Reuters' traditional independence.

Investigation into plane crash at hilltop

By Ronald Faux

Accident investigators yesterday were trying to discover why a twin-engined light aircraft making an approach through cloud to Dundee airport crashed into a hill west of the city. Two men on board died, but four others, including the pilot, survived when the Cessna 310 aircraft hit a 1,000ft heather-covered hilltop, 10 miles north-east of Perth at more than 100 mph.


The wreckage of the Cessna which crashed near Dundee.

The survivors spent the night in the open, until a rescue team found them and they were flown by helicopter to hospital in Dundee. Their condition was "satisfactory" yesterday but police and investigating officers were not allowed to question them.

The pilot of the aircraft, Mr Stuart Palmer, aged 29, of Shobdon, near Hereford, suffered two broken ankles and facial injuries. He is chief flying instructor at the Pembrokeshire flying club based at Haverfordwest, Dyfed, south-west Wales. A member of the club said yesterday that he was a highly experienced and meticulous pilot.

The aircraft, owned by Coventry Aviation, and operated by Wiltshire Flying Club, had flown north from Gatwick carrying a party of Swiss curling enthusiasts who were bound for Aberdeen.

Mr Palmer, a pilot with more than 2,000 hours' experience and full instrument flying qualifications, requested a "slot" into Aberdeen but was told by the airport this was not possible. Air traffic controllers' dispute at Aberdeen had reduced the number of movements at the airport by about half.

Instead, the aircraft flew to Dundee, with Inverness as a secondary option, and was handed to the traffic controller at Dundee airport by RAF Lenchars rader as it crossed the north shore of the Firth of Forth at 4,000 ft.

Dundee does not have radar or instrument landing equipment, and relies for navigation on a nondirectional radio beacon four and a half miles from the runway end.

The Cessna is understood to have overflown the beacon in the correct way and to have begun the tear-shaped flight path that should have brought it safely below cloud level and in sight of the runway lights. A specialist in instrument flying said that at the far point of the "tear" the aircraft should have been at 2,240 ft. Instead, it had struck the top of Frankly Den Hill, which is little more than 1,000 ft and was covered in mist at the time.

Rescue teams were alerted on Friday night after contact with the aircraft had been lost, but it was not until early on Saturday morning that cries for help were heard near the summit of the hill.


The scene of the aircraft crash at Fareham, Hampshire.

Pilot dies after light aircraft hits viaduct

Mr Stuart Savage, aged 34, an experienced gliding instructor, died in hospital yesterday after his Cessna aircraft crashed into a railway viaduct near Fareham, Hampshire, only yards from a public house packed with lunchtime drinkers.

Wreckage from the two-seater aircraft was scattered across the main railway line between Portsmouth and Southampton and it was several hours before the line was cleared.

Mr Paul Askew, the manager of the Roundabout Hotel, said: "It was a miracle he did not crash into the pub."

The aircraft had come from Goodwood Airfield.

Navy 'cover up' claims worry MP

By Our Defence Correspondent

Allegations that the Royal Navy has concealed the true cost of important projects will come under close scrutiny when ministers return to their desks today.

Mr Denzil Davies, a Labour spokesmen on defence and disarmament said he would be raising the matter in the Commons.

Claiming to base its report on confidential Ministry of Defence papers, *The Observer* newspaper alleged yesterday:

That by the spring of 1981 the cost of a Royal Navy new underground operations control headquarters at Northwood, west London, had risen from an estimated £28m-£31m to £168m;

That papers have been withheld from ministers and auditors;

That attempts to reorganize the Sea Systems Controllerate have encountered fierce resistance;

That up to £200m for research and development and other expenses were concealed by the Navy when ministers were deciding to place a contract with Marconi Underwater Systems to develop the Spearfish heavyweight torpedo.

Vice-Admiral Sir Ted Horlick, who retired earlier this year as Director General, Ships, yesterday denied having written a memorandum saying that the auditors had shown no interest in the cost of the Northwood headquarters project and that it would be advantageous if that situation could be maintained.

He said the Northwood project had never been within his responsibility, and he had never communicated with anyone on it.

It seems likely that the estimate of the cost escalation is broadly correct, but Sir Timothy Kitson, who was chairman of the House of Commons Defence Committee until he retired from Parliament at the last genetal election, said that when the committee visited the Nothwood site about 18 months ago, it had been given no indication that the cost was "over the top".

The Defence Committee has in the past taken considerable interest in the Ministry of Defence's procurement procedures and it would not be surprising if it did so again in the wake of these disclosures.

Farmers in court fight with potato board

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

As the last of this year's main potato crop is gathered into store, lawyers are preparing for a confrontation on whether British growers are being denied free and fair access to their own market.

Last year Mr Bob Robertson, a Kent farmer, failed to persuade a county court judge that he should not be forced to pay a £516 levy to the Potato Marketing Board.

Mr Robertson and his colleagues in the Potato Growers' Action Group are now considering whether they can afford to proceed with the case in the Court of Appeal. It is due to be heard on December 5 and could cost them up to £100,000.

The challenge to the board began in February 1981, with the formation of the group, of which Mr Robertson is joint treasurer. Its aim is the abolition of the board.

Like the Milk Marketing Board, the PMB was established 50 years ago. Its purpose was to regulate supplies and stabilize prices in the interests of producers and consumers, by controlling acreage planted and intervening to take stocks off the market if prices fell below a guaranteed level.

The system worked so long as British growers retained a virtual monopoly, but in 1979 the European Court declared that a ban on imports was illegal

That, in the action group's view, deprived the board of its only useful function. The board is said to have failed to prevent violent price fluctuations, and its research, advertising and marketing functions are described as superfluous.

The Army's human factors: 1

How to fight without sleep

How can the Army ensure that the military machine fits the man? RODNEY COWTON, Defence Correspondent, in the first of two articles, looks at the work of the Army Personnel Research Establishment which tries to take the human factor into account.

How long can a soldier maintain efficiency with little or no sleep? Are brief cat-naps as valuable as more sustained periods of sleep?

The answers to such questions, fascinating in themselves, are crucially important for battlefield commanders.

As the Falklands conflict neared its climax last year, one of the British commanders' main concerns was for how long the forces ashore could endure the great hardships in which they were living without losing their fighting efficieny.

The Army Personnel Research Establishment, at Farnborough in Hampshire, provides information on which commanders can base such judgment. At any time the APRE has about 80 research projects on human factors of the military machine.

Its work ranges from helping to design the most effective internal layout of a tank for the crew, assessing the effects of noise, determining standards of physical fitness, and reviewing officer selection procedures.

In a modern conventional battle which can last a fortnight of more, often in a harsh climate, as in the Falklands, one of the main deprivations will often be loss of sleep. The APRE has been researching that problem for several years.

In one experiment three platoons were engaged on a nine-day exercise living in the open in unseasonably bad weather in Northumberland.

One platoon was not allowed to sleep, another was allowed 1½ hours sleep every 24 hours, and the other 3 hours sleep a day. All the men were volunteers and were allowed to drop out when they wished, or if medical and other observers thought it was nesessary.

All the platoon which was kept without sleep dropped out after their fourth sleepless night, although observers concluded that they had ceased to be militarily effective after the third night.

Of the platoon limited to 1½ hours sleep, 39 per cent has withdrawn after five nights. About half completed the nine-day exercise, although it was estimated that those who completed the course had been effective for only six days.

On a regime of three hours sleep nearly everybody finished, as well as retaining their effectiveness throughout the whole exercise.

it was found that sleep deprivation affected mental abilitiy and mood, but that the physical effect was much less.

In rifle-firing tests throughoht the exercise it was found that speed of reactions to fleeing targets declined markedly. But even very tired men could concentrate enough ti fire a group of shots into a small a target area as possible with very little loss of accuracy.

Another trial, conducted in laboratory conditions, showed that where men were limited to four hours' sleep every 24 hours it made little difference whether it came in one unbroken period of sleep, or four periods of one hour.

Althour there had been fears that men would become aggressive and unpredicable as they tired, it was found in the field tests that they became more friendly and docile, and resigned to the situation.

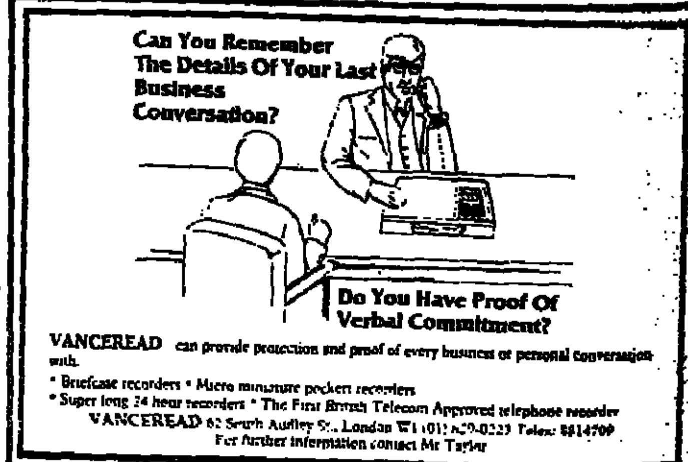
Increasingly strong bonds of companionship developed among the men, and their n.c.os and officers reported that they had had to adopt a much more relaxed style of leadership than normal.

Tomorrow: Fit to Fight

Correction

Plaintiffs who want summonses served on debtors will no longer be able to choose to have them served by bailiffs under economies planned by the Lord Chancellor's Department. They will be served by post, and not by bailiff as stated in *The Times* on November 11.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 180; Cyprus 850 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.20; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 180; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.50; Yugoslavia Din 100



Prince Andrew describes loneliness and horror of the Falklands

Prince Andrew described yesterday his experiences in the Falklands conflict, including the "horrific" moment when he saw the Atlantic Conveyor destroyed by an Exocet missile.

In an interview with David Frost on TV-am, the prince said that he had felt a certain amount of loneliness between *his missions* as a Royal Navy helicopter pilot.

"You tend to become a sort of zombie. All you do is eat, sleep and fly. I had an awful lot of time to myself, sitting in my cabin and now and then ducking the odd missile.

"The worst thing was actually the destruction of everything," Prince Andrew said.

"I saw the Atlantic Conveyor hit, and seeing the bits and pieces that rained around . . . there were splashes in the water about a quarter of a mile away.

"It was an experience I shall never forget. It's still a vivid memory imprinted on by brain. It will be there for a very long time – horrific."

Asked whether his Falklands experience had helped shape his character, the prince replied: "That is a very difficult question to answer. I think being shot at is the most character-forming thing of one's life".



Prince Andrew: "No candle-lit dinners."

Giving the interview as part of the £50,000 appeal for the restoration of the SS Great Britain, Brunel's first iron ship, Prince Andrew said that one reason he had agreed to become the appeal's patron was because of the ship's link with the Falklands.

The ship, launched in 1843, was damaged rounding Cape Horn in 1886 and limped to harbour in the Falklands where it remained. It was sold as a hulk and used for storage and towed to Bristol in 1970.

The prince, who is 23, was not asked directly about his personal life, but he acknowledged that there were "a lot of stories" running around. "Dare I say that I deny few."

David Frost raised the *subject of intrusion* by photographers and suggested that they might destroy "candle-lit atmospheres". Prince Andrew replied that there were "no candle-lit atmospheres" to destroy.

In his own photography, he said he ensured that he did not indulge in the same "hassling" of his family when he took pictures of them.

"It's great fun, and they do get slightly annoyed and complain bitterly that I am getting more and more like a pressman. But I don't do anything intrusive."

Having remarked that loneliness was a theme of his photography. The Prince was asked whether he himself was something of a loner.

"I am a recluse," Prince Andrew replied. "I don't think I am lonely. I try to keep out of people's way and I try to avoid the press."



Time lords (left to right): William Hartnell, the first Doctor Who, and his successors, Patrick Troughton, Jon Pertwee, Tom Baker and Peter Davison.

Time traveller clocks up 20 years

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Doctor Who celebrates 20 years on British television this month. Having survived several waves of Daleks and Cybermen, the more dangerous attention of Mrs Mary Whitehouse, and four physical regenerations (also known in the theatrical profession as cast changes) only two characteristics of the original remain: its immense popularity and the singular ability of the scenery to move every time an actor bumps into it.

Worship of the Tardis, the Doctor's time machine which, through a happy malfunction of 1963, remains fixed in the guise of a police telephone box, is by no means restricted to the inhabitants of the British living room.

The programme has been sold to 54 countries and been seen by an international audience of 100 million. In the past three years, it has been discovered by that most voracious of viewing nations, the United States, and it is there that the anniversary will be celebrated most spectacularly.

Small conventions of Doctor Who fanatics have been running *throughout the year, but* on November 26 the event termed "the ultimate celebration" starts in Chicago. All four surviving Doctors: Patrick Troughton, Jon Pertwee, Tom Baker, and Peter Davison, will be there, accompanied by about 15 of the assistants who have aided and abetted the Doctor through the years. The producer for the past four years, John Nathan-Turner, will also attend. A twentieth anniversary "special" will be shown by 80 television stations from coast to coast.

"Its success really lies in its brilliant basic premise: that the Doctor and a couple of sidekicks travel around in a London police box that is bigger on the inside than the outside", Mr Nathan-Turner said in breaks from shooting the next series which will appear in January and introduce a new Doctor, Colin Baker.

"Unlike many programmes that have limited storylines, we have the freedom to move from historic stories to fantastic ones as we please. I cannot see any reason why we should not do another 20 years."



A Cyberman (left) and a Dalek

Fantasy programmes have a tendency to attract diehard audiences. The American series *Star Trek* has dedicated groups of "Trekkies" throughout the world. Apart from breakfast television, *the programme* which provoked the largest number of viewers' letters to the BBC last year was one which was not shown: *Blake's Seven*, a space rival to the Doctor. The Corporation received 2,007 letters demanding more of the programme, many of them part of an organized lobby, according to the BBC.

But nothing has spawned a commercial empire to match that of the Doctor.

The Doctor's most scaring foes, the Daleks, will be returning to the fray in the new series. Since he has exterminated them 13 times in the past 20 years, they ought to receive some award for longevity, too.

Many pubs admitting children, guide says

By a Staff Reporter

Public houses throughout Britain are breaking the law by admitting children into bars, *The Good Pub Guide* says today.

The guide's editor, Mr Alisdair Aird, says that of more than 1,100 public houses selected for the guide, nearly two thirds admitted children, although by law anyone under 15 is banned from a bar serving alcohol.

The guide, published by the Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton, calls for children to be allowed in at the landlord's discretion, or for the law to be enforced

It says: "In practice, in many places individual publicans allow children (with a responsible adult, of course) into virtually any part of the pub, while in other places the police, interpreting and enforcing the law strictly, stop this. Either way, the law should surely have the same effect everywhere".

It criticizes pubs which no longer make sandwiches, "the ideal pub snacks". And it says that the cheapest beer in Britain can be found in Lancashire.

Other places where a pint should not cost much more than 50p are, in order of cheapness, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire, Cumbria, Cornwall, Shropshire, Durham, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. The most expensive beer is in London.

Four public houses receive the guide's top rating of three stars, meaning that they could not be better. They are the Fleece, Bretforton, Hereford and Worcester; the Three Chimneys, near Biddenden, Kent; the Yew Tree, Cauldon, Staffordshire; and the White Horse, near Petersfield, Hampshire.

The Good Pub Guide (Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton, £6.95).

Tipping 'blot on hotel industry'

Charging for service and touting for tips in hotels and restaurants has become "institutionalized 'begging or extortion" and should be abolished, *The Good Hotel Guide* says today.

Next year the guide plans to use a special insignia to denote hotels which are keen to see tipping and service charges abolished

The Good Hotel Guide (Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton, £7.95).

Museum 'a victim of its success'

After three weeks in operation, Glasgow's Burrell Museum is in chaos because of too many visitors.

By last night, 75,000 people had toured the £20m building, making it nearly the busiest museum or gallery in Britain.

A report has been made for the governing committee. "It is a victim of its own success", the chairman, Mr Charles Davison, said.

The main problems are in the restaurant and bars, which are served by one narrow staircase."

Mr Tom Malarkey, the city's halls and theatres director, said: "People fighting their way down meet people fighting their way up."

Emergency exits cannot be used because they are linked to an elaborate, electronic security system.

In the restaurant snacks only are being served until the number of diners slacken off.

The dishwasher can handle 200 sittings an hour, but the restaurant is doing 800.

One of the two computer-controlled units which maintain constant temperature and *humidity*, has been out of action since the official opening last month.

Mr Davison said yesterday: "Now we want to make sure that every defect is listed and remedied. No contractor is going to be allowed to walk away from this job."

Millionaire backs Greek tours firm

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

London-based Olympic Holidays, one of the largest tour operators into Greece, has secured new financial backing of about £1m, which will enable it to carry through development plans.

The new backer is an international multi-millionaire friend of Mr Basil Mantzos, chairman and chief executive of Olympic Holidays (it has no connexion with Olympic Airways).

Olympic Holidays brochures for next year are being brought out on December 8, rather later than usual and prices will be 11 per cent lower than the past season.

The company has a big investment in computerization which makes it capable of carrying around 200,000 holidaymakers in a year, substantially more than at present. That is why Olympic is aiming at expansion. Mr Mantzos will shortly announce the appointment of a managing director to strengthen the company's executive team.

The vice-chairman of Olympic Holidays is Mr Eric Sutherland who is this year's president of the Association of British Travel Agents. The company's board was strengthened in the summer by the addition of Mr Norman Strauss, former economic adviser to the Treasury, Mr Christopher Lawson and Professor Sir Alan Walters.

Olympic expects an increase in holidaymaking in Greece because of lower costs caused by the decline in the value of the drachma. There are similar forecasts *elsewhere in the travel* trade. Intasun Leisure, Britain's second largest tour operator, is launching a new Greek brochure to take advantage of the likely expansion in demand for Greek holidays.

£15,000 bill for idle civic horses

Ratepayers are paying about £600 a week to keep two mayoral horses that have not been used for more than six months.

The new Labour majority on Liverpool City Council abolished the post of Lord Mayor in May and the new council chairman refused to use the coach and horses for civic ceremonies.

So far this year £15,000 has been spent keeping the horses stabled and employing two grooms to look after them.

Opposition Liberal councillors accuse Labour of dragging its feet and say the horses should be either used or retired to a farm.

Councillors will consider a report on the future of the horses meeting of the general services committee this month.

The chairman, Mr Peter Lloyd said the report had been held up by the various departments working on it.

Screen-touch control comes to video

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Video technology will made an important commercial advance *today*, with the announcement of Europe's first big order for an "interactive" videodisc system, combining a disc player and microcomputer.

IBM, the world's largest computer company, is to buy about 500 interactive touch-screen terminals, worth £2m, from Cameron Communications of Glasgow. They incorporate a Phillips LaserVision disc player and an IBM Personal Computer, and their screen can display both video images from the former and graphics or text from the latter.

The Scottish terminals will be installed in shops selling IBM Personal Computers in several European countries. The dealers will use them to guide customers through their range and to train staff after shop hours.

The prospect of a videodisc boom in the industrial market, for sales promotion and for training, will encourage Phillips, whose LaserVision sales to the consumer market have been extremely disappointing.

National canvass on straw fires

More than 7,500 parish, town and community councils in England and Wales are to be canvassed in an attempt to resolve the straw burning issue, the National Assocaition of Local Councils said yesterday.

The Association has written to all 44 of its county associations seeking a countryside evaluation so that solutions can be suggested where *the impact of straw burning* is considerable.

Among the suggestions already made are an outright ban, the need to enforce bylaws, the strengthening of the farmers' own straw burning code, and a call for publicity on the effect of burning on hedges, trees and wildlife

The difficulties to road users caused by dense smoke and the nuisance of the fallout fo soot and ash will be considered.

The burdens on rural fire brigades will also be investigated.

Foreman of jury 'had 15 convictions'

A Conservative MP is to ask the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, to tighten checks on juror's backgrounds.

Mr Neil Thorne was prompted by *The Magistrate*, journal of the Magistrates' Association, which published an article in which a man admitted that he had been a juror at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, despite having 15 convictions. In two cases he was foreman.

The journal reports him as having said: "As far as I am concerned all defendants are not guilty unless they have been molesting kids. If a guy has done a bit of thieving to get a few bob that's all right with me".

Mr Thorpe, whose Ilford South constituency takes in a large part of the Snaresbrook catchment area, said: "Checks on jurors are totally inadequate.

Tourist record for Scottish trust properties

A record total of 1,500,012 people visited National Trust for Scotland properties in the 1983 season, the trust said yesterday. That figure is more then 10 per cent above the total for 1982.

The top attractions in 1983 were:

Culzean Country Park	289,213
Culzean Castle	89,110
Glen Coe Visitor Centre	108,925
Inverewe Garden	107,592
Culloden Visitor Centre	87,020
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre	85,929
Crathes Castle and Garden	74,486
Bannockburn Heritage Centre	54,056
Brodick Castle and Garden	53,125
Falkland Palace and Garden	50,858

Man who called police is shunned

A lorry driver is being shunned by the people in his home village of Abercwmboi, Mid-Glamorgan, because he helped to put three burglars behind bars.

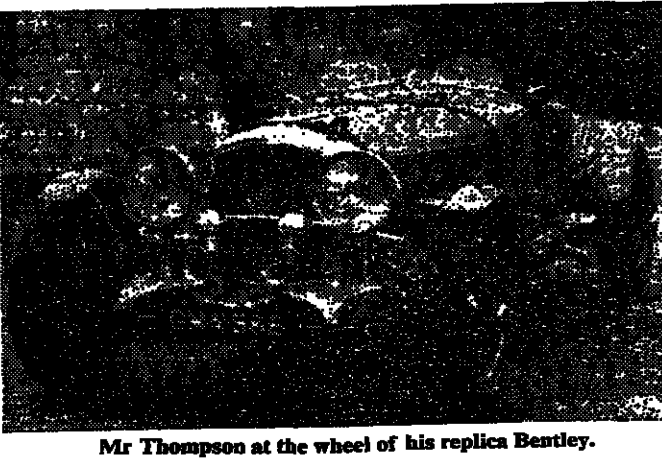
Mr Gordon Williams, aged 33, said "My life has been hell. I have had anonymous phone calls and people on the street are calling me a grass. Even my friends at the pub won't talk to me."

Mr Williams called the police after noticing three men lurking suspiciously near his mother's home. His descriptions led to their being jailed for a number of burglaries.

He now says he will refuse to accept a £20 reward given by the judge.

Mr Williams, of Jenkin Street, said: "They can keep their £20. When the cash comes it is going straight back. No disrespect to the judge but he could not have understood the circumstances properly.

"I am not responsible for jailing these people. I was only worried about my mother. I have been rewarded for something I have not done and I am not going to take it."



Mr Thompson at the wheel of his replica Bentley.

Bentley hobby becomes big business

Mr Frank Thompson's hobby could turn into a profitable business. He hopes to produce six replica vintage Bentleys next year for sale at £32,000 each.

Mr Thompson, who owns the Spinning Wheel public house on Paignton seafront, in Devon, has bought enough land from Torbay council on Yalberton industrial estate to build 18 small factory units.

Eight of them will be used to make replica Bentleys, providing employment and training for local unemployed teenagers.

Mr Thompson said yesterday that his first hand-finished car had taken 4,000 hours to build and that two more were under construction.

"These cars will be turned out exactly as they were in 1925.

Soldiers dig up historic site

The Army admitted yesterday that soldiers had dug up the site of a Romano-British settlement at Chisenbury Warren on Salisbury Plain.

The site, a scheduled monument, was defaced by about 34 large holes averaging about 10ft in diameter.

An Army spokesman expressed regret for the incident, which happened in the last few weeks, and said the holes had been filled in again.

Bank chief dies in climbing fall

The deputy chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Mr John Burke, has died after falling more than 600ft in a climbing accident near Bridge of Orchy, Argyll. His climbing partner, Dr James Manson, raised the alarm

Mr Burke, aged 59, was previously the bank's managing director between 1970 and 1982.

Factory fire

A toy factory on the site of the former MG Motor Company works at Abingdon, Oxford, was wrecked by fire on Saturday evening. Damage at the Action Toy and Games Company was estimated at £1m.

Police to visit prisoner over 'hit-man' claims

Ronald Waldron, aged 58, the convicted child killer, will meet police officers this week in prison to discuss allegations that he killed 25 people, 19 of them as a "hit man" for Arab terrorists and the IRA. He will be interviewed by detectives in the presence of Mr Rex Makin, his new solicitor, who said yesterday that his client would cooperate fully.

Waldron was sentenced to life imprisonment last week at Liverpool Crown Court for murdering his nephew aged five and for the attempted murder of the boy's mother.

Mr Makin said last night: "Mr Waldron has dismissed his solicitor, Mr Alexander Calverley

"It will be recalled that Mr Calverley alleged that my client had admitted to police, multi-murders, including the killing of Susan Maxwell.

"Apart from the murder 28 years ago of Billy Bryce in Scotland, Mr Waldron states he has been involved in no other murder, although he confirms he was in the pay of extremist organizations he says he was not directly involved in any political assassination or *killing*.

"The police will now be aiming to deal officially with the allegations that have been made that he was involved in IRA and terrorist killings."

Speaking from his home in Hightown, north Merseyside, Mr Calverley said: "Everything done or said was done or said on Mr Waldron's express instructions."

The royal tour

Queen fulfils a promise and returns to Treetops after 31 years

From Alan Hamilton, Nyeri, Kenya

The Queen yesterday fulfilled a promise of 31 years ago. She came back to Treetops, where she spent the night of February 5, 1952, blissfully unaware of her father's death at Sandringham.

Her return was more duty than pleasure, for the memories it stirred can only have been unhappy. She appeared apprehensive and uneasy, caring to stay no longer than necessary, arriving 10 minutes late but leaving on time.

The Treetops she knew, a simple hide of three bedrooms and a chemical toilet set in a giant fig tree overlooking a waterhole, was burnt to the ground by the Mau Mau in 1954. It has been replaced by a modern 38-bedroomed hotel on stilts.

On her last visit, it is recorded, when she stayed awake all night, she saw 47 elephants. Yesterday there were none, only half a dozen warthogs, several baboons, two gazelles leaping with consummated grace in the distance, and three prowling Cape buffalo waggling their ears and looking exceedingly nasty.

The Queen spent a few minutes on the hotel roof inspecting the sunlit scene. "Oh look, Philip, buffalo", she said to the Duke of Edinburgh. "Darling, look, he's wallowing". The buffalo proceeded with his bath in the orange muddied waters of the pool, oblivious of the royal gaze.

The Duke of Edinburgh remarked on the absence of trees compared with the thick cover that had clothed the edges of the pool in 1952. The elephants, it was explained to him, had eaten them all, anxious for food to accompany their drink.

The Queen signed the visitors' book and cut a commemorative cake, but ignored the brass plaque recording the circumstances of her last visit. She and the Duke were then invited to walk round the pool to the site of the old hide, now no more than a charred stump, so that press and television cameramen, after much negotiation with Palace officials, could capture an historic picture.

"Oh dear," said the Queen, as she was guided downstairs to the pool. The royal person was guarded and guided past the snares of giant elephant droppings by Mr Richard Prickett, a game warden bearing eight bullets and a double-barrelled elephant gun of 1912 vintage, and a small group of soldiers ready to throw stones at anything that came too near, be it buffalo or cameraman.

Of much greater significance than the near-stunt of Treetops was the Queen's arrival in private on Saturday at Sagana Lodge, a beautiful stone and cedar country house given to her by Kenya as a wedding present, which she handed back at independence in 1963.

It was here, on her return from Treetops, at 2.45 in the afternoon of February 6, 1952, that she learned of her accession to the throne.

She returned to Sagana Lodge 31 years later in the late afternoon to a breathtaking view, as the bonnet of cloud that usually caps Mount Kenya, 20 miles away astride the Equator, drifted aside to reveal the 17,000ft peak in snowy sunlit glory.

Sagana has been altered and enlarged, but the Queen was still able to recognize much of it. And she met a gardener who had helped her to plant two trees on her last visit. To mark her return, she planted another.

It was the properly private moment of her return. She and the Duke dined with only a few close members of their household: for a few quiet hours the Kenyan hosts and the press turned their backs on a deeply personal occasion.

Anxious to please in Bangladesh

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Dhaka today, they will find that a good deal of whitewashing has been going on. New tarmac is being laid on the road from the airport and flowers are being planted in newly-built borders.

The soldiers, who seized power from the elected President two years ago, are anxious to present their regime in as good a light as possible, and to be fair, there are many regimes which have behaved in more repressive fashion.

Lieutenant-General Hussain Mohammad Ershad, who was the chief of army staff and is now the chief martial law administrator, has been ruling with something like the approval, at least the acquiescence, of the Bangladeshi people.

Unlike his opposite number in Pakistan, his martial law courts are not handing out sentences of flogging and heavy fines on political agitators. The only people in his jails are those convicted of genuine offences of corruption.

The diplomatic community and organs of international finance seem pleased with the general's preformance. He and his finance minister have fulfilled the deemands made on them by the IMF and the World Bank. Although Bangladesh remains the second poorest country in the world, they seem able to begin rethinking their industrial strategy.

The denationalization of the main industries has impressed the Western economic powers. Not everyone is convinced however, that denationalization is necessarily a good thing. Opposition sources are quick to point out that one of the first results was a quick round of price cutting which did nothing for the balance of payments except drive it further into the red.

But perhaps General Ershad's greatest achievement has been in restraining the regime itself. "Ershad is keeping those thugs with guns in their hands together," said a prominent intellectual.

"The idea that they could come out of the cantonment like they did in 1975, that scares me," he said. "I've got children and a stake in this country, and the dust has not settled yet."

There is a real fear among some Bangladeshis of what the young officers in the Army might have done if Gereral Ershad and the major-generals had not stepped in to take power themselves. Since independence, the Army had been a reluctant and, sometimes awkward, coalition of those who fought in the independence war and those who were held prisoner in the west.

It is not always clear whether General Ershad is a military dictator in his own right or a front man for a junta. There have been occasions when his publicly expressed preference had not carried the day.

War and peace: A Sunday afternoon stroll along Beirut's Corniche beside the tanktraps and barbed wire.

Rumsfeld sent to mediate in Lebanon

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr Donald Rumsfeld, President Reagan's newly-appointed special envoy, was on his way to the Middle East yesterday for talks with Arab and Israeli leaders aimed at defusing the explosive situation in Lebanon since the recent bomb attacks against American, French and Israeli military headquarters.

Congress has voted to stop all US aid to Syria because of that country's hostile attitude towards America. The vote means that Syria will not now receive the $125m (£85m) earmarked for it in the Foreign Aid Bill which Congress passed on Saturday.

As in the case of his two predecessors – Mr Philip Habib and Mr Robert McFarlane – the State Department has not released details of Mr Rumsfeld's itinerary in advance. However, he is expected to have talks with the leaders of Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

It is his first visit to the region since his appointment at the beginning of this month.

His most important meeting will be with President Assad of Syria who has so far turned down American attempts to persuade him to withdraw 40,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon. Relations between Washington and Damascus have been severely strained because of the US belief that Syria was partly responsible for blowing up the US Marine headquarters in Beirut, which killed 239 US servicemen.

In the past few days Syrian gunners have fired at US Navy F14 jets flying reconnaisance missions near Beirut.

Despite these tensions, however, the US recognizes that Syria is a key element in any agreement that may emerge from the Lebanese national reconciliation talks taking place in Geneva, which could in the longer term lead to a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Mr Rumsfeld is also expected to hold talks with President Gemayel of Lebanon and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, both of whom are due to visit Washington in the next two weeks.

His trip to the Middle East means that it is now most unlikely the US will take retaliatory action over the bombing of the Marines headquarters while Mr Rumsfeld is in the region.

The Foreign Aid Bill contains a new provision which forbids giving foreign aid to any country which the President rules "is engaged in a consistent pattern of opposition to the foreign policy of the United States".

As usual, Israel receives the lion's share of the $11,500m foreign aid package. Its 1984 allocation amounts to $1,760m in economic assistance and a further $850m in arms loans.

Egypt is the second largest recipient with $750m in economic aid and $465m in military assistance.

Wave of violence escalates in West Bank

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv

Three Palestinian Arabs were shot and wounded and an Israeli injured by a rock in the Dheisha refugee camp near Bethleham yesterday in a weekend of escalating Palestinian unrest in the West Bank.

The wave of violence related to tensions and anxieties over the bloodshed between PLO factions in neighbouring Lebanon came to a climax on Saturday with the fatal shooting of two young men in Tulkarm.

According to Israeli sources, the pair, and others, their faces concealed by chequered kefyas had tried to enforce a commercial strike and demonstration in support of the PLO loyalists fighting under Mr Yassir Arafat in Tripoli, northern Lebanon. When they stoned show shop windows in the town's main square and threw rocks at passing cars, the border police were called.

An amy communiqué said police were greeted with a shor of stones and turned their guns on the rioters only after verbal warnings and shos into the air had failed to stop them.

Three more masked teenagers then gave themselves up and a dozen others were later detained. An explosive device was found yesterday near a military base at Tulkarm and was safely dismantled.

Dheisha was under curfew because of earlier stoning incidents when the fighting broke out yesterday afternoon. Military sources said a border police patrol moving through the camp was suddenly attacked by a mob throwing rocks and swinging heavy implements. One policeman was injured about the head.

Stoning of traffic continued yesterday in various part of the West Bank, and it was also reported that two Lebanese Shia Muslims in Tibnine were killed by a bomb when they entered their car.

Rabat renews Cairo link

From Godfrey Morrison, Rabat

Moroccan leaders will meet Mr Kamal Hassan Ali, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, here today.

It is the first visit by an Egyptian minister to Morocco since Rabat broke diplomatic relations with Cairo in 1979 after Egypt's peace agreement with Israel.

The talks are expected to centre on the Middle East, the crisis in Lebanon and the western Sahara.

In spite of the absence of formal diplomatic links, relations between Morocco and Egypt have remained cordial, with President Mubarak supporting King Hassan's initiatives in the Middle East and King Hassan prominent among those leaders trying to bring Cairo back into the Arab fold.

Russians lose no sleep over Andropov

Moscow – Soviet officials are insisting that there is no cause for alarm over the health of President Andropov, and they say he may make a public appearance soon to calm speculation (Richard Owen writes).

According to some reports the Kremlin is considering making a public statement about the Soviet leader's health. He is believed to have undergone a kidney operation, although Soviet officials insist he has been suffering from a cold.

The nervousness which seized Western money markets on Friday after a rumour that Mr Andropov had died was not reflected in Moscow itself which was much more preoccupied with the deep blanket of snow immobilizing it.

Peking editors removed

Peking (Reuter) – Seven editors of China's most influential newspaper, the Communist Party *People's Daily*, have been forced out of office in an intensification of an anti-liberal campaign, diplomatic sources said.

The sources said Mr Hu Jiwei, the paper's director for about a year, had "retired" and that a leading ideologist, Mr Wang Ruoshi, had been dismissed after a long-standing row with Mr Hu Yaobang, the party leader, over the sensitive issue of purging diehard leftists.

Salyut refuelled

Moscow (AFP and AP)–The Salyut 7 space station, carrying two cosmonauts since June 27, was successfully refuelled by the Progress 18 supply craft which docked with it on October 22, Tass reported in answer to Western speculation. The cargo ships propulsion unit was also used to adjust Salyut's flight path.

Casino arrests

Milan (AP) – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Campione d'Italia, one of the four towns whose casinos were raided last Thursday by police looking for "dirty money", were arrested on corruption charges at the weekend.

Nuclear need

Islamabad, (Reuter) – Pakistan is preparing an ambitious nuclear power programme to meet its energy needs, the Water and Power Minister, announced. Four or five nuclear plants of 900 megawatt capacity each were needed.

Deadly peaks

Katmandu (Reuter) – The season's death toll in the Himalayas rose to 21 with the fatal fall of a Japanese mountaineer Chikhiro Chin on Dhaulagiri One. Nineteen died in 1972, the previous worst season since the area was opened to foreigners in 1949.

Trudeau initiative for reducing tension

From John Best, Ottawa

M Piere Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, called yesterday for the early establishment of a forum in which global limits on strategic arms would be set for all five nuclear weapons states.

The idea was part of a four-point programme for reducing East-West tensions which the Prime Minister unveiled at a Liberal Party fund-raising luncheon in Montreal.

Mr Trudeau, who returned from a six-nation tour of Western Europe on Friday night, said European leaders had given him "the assurance of their personal attention to his programme."

Another element in the programme calls for a ban on the testing and deployment of high altitude anti-satellite weapons systems.

Woman may join Swiss Cabinet

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

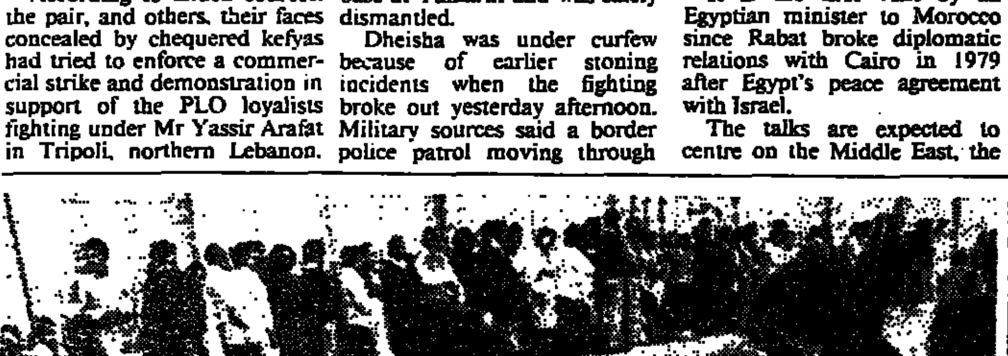
Mrs Lilian Uchtenhagen, aged 55, a Zurich MP, has been chosen by the Swiss Socialist Party as its candidate for a vacant Cabinet seat in the coalition Government.

This is the first time in Swiss history that a woman has been nominated for such a post. As one of the seven Cabinet ministers, she would take her turn in assuming the presidency of the Confederation for a 12-month period.

Mrs Uchtenhagen, who has been an MP since 1971, obtained 31 votes, the necessary minimum at a meeting of the party committee.

It is by no means certain, however, that she will be accorded majority support when her nomination is put to Parliament on December 7.

While Swiss women secured the vote 14 years ago, men are far from regarding women as equal even if, according to an adroitly-timed opinion poll, 67 per cent of the Swiss think it is time for a woman to enter the Cabinet.





Electoral line-up: Peruvians queuing to vote in local elections yesterday in Villa El Salvador, a sprawling shanty town outside Lima. Security was tight throughout the country after bombing attacks by left-wing guerrillas.

Gun and mortar battle on Honduran frontier

From Alan Tomlinson, Cifuentes, Honduras

Honduran and Nicaraguan border guards have fought a four-hour gun and mortar battle, the most serious incident yet in a series of exchanges along their 500-mile frontier.

Both countries gave conflicting versions of how the fighting started. The Hondurans said a foot patrol was attacked by Sandinista troops while Nicaragana said its soldiers came under mortar fire first.

The battle took place at the remote frontier post of Cifuentes in the El Paraiso province of Honduras on Friday. Previous exchanges have been much briefer and often the result of Nicaraguan soldiers pursuing anti-Sandinista Contras back over the border.

All was quiet again over the weekend whem I visited Cifuentes and other villages in the zone. Soldiers of the Honduran Sixth Battallion seemed relaxed and jovial.

The winding mountain road is often mined. A number of peasants have been killed recently and earlier this year two American journalists died when they drove over a landmine. Their burnt-out car still lies in a ditch by the side of the dirt track.

I took the precaution of driving to Cifueates in a pick-up truck, then unloading a cross-country motor cycle to run the gauntlet over the broken and pitted frontier trail.

The soldiers are bivouacked at intervals withing sight of each other. They told me the fighting had been heavy. Two of their number were badly wounded and an unknown number of Nicaraguans were hit.

They said the incident took place 400 yards inside their territory but the terrain here is so steep and densely wooded that the exact line of the frontier is anybody's guess.

They pointed out peasant huts destroyed by mortar shells and said frequent bombardments were preventing these communities from harvesting their coffee.

There was no sign of the Contras, who in the past have used Cifuentas as a staging post. The soldiers said they had moved deep inside Nicaragua.

Claims by Contra leaders that their camps are established in Nicaragua itself provoke sceptisism among correspondents in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

Sifting the evidence on Grenada

Americans interrogating 140 prisoners

From Christopher Thomas, St George's

Another 90 Grenadians associated with the overthrown People's Revolutionary Army walked to freedom from their tent prisons at the US-run Point Salines detention centre yesterday, leaving behind 140 men whose importance and role remains clouded.

They have been divided into four groups based on an assessment by interrogation officers of their likely seniority in the regime of Maurice Bishop, the assassinated Prime Minister, and in the subsequent brief military dictatorship.

People whom the authorities want to keep isolated from time to time spend periods in 10ft by 10ft wooden crates constructed by the US military since the invasion on October 25. There are apertures for air, and when the lone occupant wants to visit the lavatory he waves a small flag at his guards. Without talking to anybody he is marched off, escorted into the lavatory and taken straight back.

According to US military officials, a prisoner will normally spend no more than 24 hours in one of the crates, which bear the official name of 'isolation facilities'. There are 10 of them. Only one man, said to be a persistant troublemaker among fellow-prisoners, has spent more than a day in one of the crates. He was let out after 36 hours.

There were originally 1,800 members of the People's Revolutionary Army and the unpaid militia who gave themselves up under an amnesty after the Americans landed and secured control of the island.

US military intelligence personnel, some wearing plainclothes, some with unusually long hair for military men, conduct most of the questioning. The US Army insists that the CIA and the FBI are not involved.

● WASHINGTON: A group of 108 prominent Europeans, including 31 British MPs, has spent $25,000 on a full-page advertisement in yesterday's *New York Times* expressing their support for the US-led invasion of Grenada. (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The advertisement, headlined "United States action in Grenada heartens Europeans", states: "We welcome the result of the action taken by our American allies and members of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States to restore genuine democratic self-government in Grenada. The prospect that the people of Grenada will now have the opportunity, after many years, to take part in free elections heartens supporters of democratic governments throughout the world."

While noting that "free societies... do not and cannot act together as a monolithic block", the advertisement is intended to offset the criticism which the American intervention has provoked in Europe, particularly from the British Government.

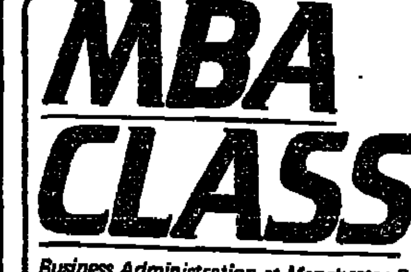
The Reagan Administration and American public opinion have been variously puzzled, dismayed and angered by the lack of support the United States received from its European allies for its actions in Grenada.

● HAVANA: A four-day period of mourning was declared yesterday for Cubans killed in Grenada (AFP reports).

From late afternoon yesterday until midnight tonight all theatres and cinemas were ordered to close for a national day of mourning, to be followed by three days of official mourning, when flags will fly half-mast throughout the country.

● LONDON: A Grenada War Relief Appeal is being launched in London by the West Indian Standing Conference in the wake of growing opposition to the American invasion of the island among black people living in London (Pat Healy writes). The organization has sent a representative to Grenada to assess the needs of the thousands of homeless.

Mr William Trant of WISC says the initial ecstacy of islanders is giving way to second thoughts as the implications sink in.



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Reagan ends Far East tour with a long, hard look at North Korea




Looking north: President Reagan observing North Korean positions, and talking to the commander of a US guard post.

Massive security for President's DMZ visit

From David Watts, Camp Liberty Bell, near the DMZ, Korea

President Reagan could not have had a more dramatic *forum in which to encapsulate* the anti-communist rhetoric of his Asian tour.

Less than two miles to the front was the North Korean border. Just behind, two sand-bagged mortar posts and, beneath his podium, a crescent of men of the US Second Division, Ninth Infantry, whose job it is to patrol the Demilitatized Zone that separates North and South Korea.

On the harsh, scrub-covered hill to his right was a South Korean radar post, watching for any threat from the north at this the most froward American military position in the world.

After a church service under a powder-blue sky, the setting pure Hollywood, the Commander-in-Chief, his voice occasionally catching with emotion, told the men: "You stand between the free world and the armed forces of a system hostile to everyting we believe in as Americans.

"The communist system to the north is based on hatred and oppression. It brutally attacks every form of human liberty and declares those who worship God to be enemies of the people. Its attack against the leaders of the South Korean Government in Rangoon made clear what kind of enemy you face across the DMZ."

If taking about freedom, one of the themes of the President's Far East tour, is justified anywhere in the world it is in South Korea, and not merely because of the deaths of 269 people in the Korean Airlines Boeing 747, shot down by the Soviet Union, and the Rangoon bombing a little over a month ago.

The Burma bombing killed 17 South Koreans, including four Cabinet ministers and eight other senior political figures. Burma has withdrawn diplomatic recognition of Pyongyang as a resutl of the attack.

North Korean threats that Mr Reagan would not leave the South alive at the end of what the North called a "war junket" did not deter him from being the first American leader to visit the DMZ.

But with the President in North Korean artillery range the security precautions were extraordinary: 10,000, US troops were deployed discreetly around Camp Liberty Bell and a special quick-response squad was ready to snatch the President back to the safety of the base in two minutes if there was an incident.

At least once near the DMZ the President switched cars, and on Saturday when Mr Reagan went to address the National Assembly a phoney motor convoy, complete with blazing headlights and motor cycle escorts, was staged 15 minutes before the President drove up in the real one.

On the return trip from the DMZ the press buses were watched by Korean plainclothes men every 50 yards in built-up areas.

The address to the National Assembly gave him the opportunity to project waht he called "a new era of confidence and sense of purpose in the United States, while pledging full support for the South Korean Government against a North Korea "waging a campaign of intimidation" and "perched and primed for conflict".

But was missing in both Japan and South Korea was any feeling that the President was meeting the people of those countries.

In Seoul the lack of concern for domestic freedoms was particularly marked, despite assertions by the White House that the President would draw the South Korean Government's attention to large-scale detentions and protests which took place before his arrival.

Accurate figures are hard to obtain, but estimates of the number of people held under varying degrees of restraint during the visit go up to 1,200 according to one South Korean source.

Throughout the visit the White House has maintained that it is satisfied with the progress towards full democracy in South Korea and that in any case. It intended to make its point to the South Korean by means of quiet diplomacy.

Since last night, however, the White House spokesman no longer speaks of human rights but of "democratic rights", which he feels to be more appropriate.

When he flies back to Washington today the President can be assured of two things: Both North and South Korea have been left in no doubt that the United States would react swiftly to any further North Korean outrage; and film of the border visit, where Mr Reagan, was artfully seated next to black' soldiers at every opportunity, must help any presidential campaign next year.

Spain's prospects in the EEC

Rural discontent along the banks of the misty Ebro

Whatever the outcome of next month's European Community summit in Athens, Spain will remain a firm candidate for eventual membership of the EEC. Applying a human yardstick to the country's problems, far from the Madrid ministries, Richard Wigg, Madrid correspondent, has travelled down the Ebro, Spain's most important river, from Cantabria to the Mediterranean and through the heartland likely to be most affected by the EEC. In this first of four articles, he reports from Reinosa.



EBRO JOURNEY
Part 1

An autumn Sunday morning and mist still clings to the green Cantabria hills at whose feet water wells up in a glade. Not far from the source of the Ebro, a party of local farmers, Reinosa factory executives, a solicitor and a bank manager, out shooting fallow deer or wild boar, rest after the dogs have again failed to pick up the scent.

"The small farmers around here – a man, his wife and children – will have to disappear, whether Spain joins the Common Market or not," José, the 26-year-old son of a dairy farmer with a herd of 100 Friesians, tells me. "Technical development will have to come, raising Spain's herds to European levels of milk production. You are very advanced. I've seen it in England." His father began mechanizing six years ago, unable to get labour which had gone to the towns. Now, they employ only three men on the 120-acre farm.

"There's a lot of land unused here," José said. He first tried to become a doctor and then worked in a bank before deciding to come back and help his father. He gestured towards the surrounding countryside: "It needs capital to pull up the scrub, turn it into pasture and then buy the cattle. There should be a stronger presence by the Government to develop all this, but, in Spain, governments never have the money for such things."

By contrast, Eduardo is the son of a poor peasant with a patch of land and a few cows. The father went to work as a labourer in a Reinosa steelworks during the boom years of the 1950s to provide for his family. He was pensioned early after an accident.

Eduardo, who lives in a tiny village, looks after the nine cows, rearing the calves for meat. Intelligent, he is desperate to escape from subsistence agriculture to urban life. Spain's prolonged economic crisis meant he could not follow father into the steelworks after his apprenticeship had finished.

"There are only 10 young people in the village. You can only play skittles here. Rural life is solitary, there's more variety of people in Reinosa. You learn new things as a bartender in a town.

"I want to organize my life. If I could have a bar of my own. . ." Edvardo goes on after a pause: "It's not enough to publish figures of more than two million jobless. They should give people like me a chance to speak out on television."

As he leaves to give the cows their feed for the night, he admits that subsistence farming passes the time better than if he were forced to idle away the hours in a Madrid industrial suburb.

His mother, after he has gone, asks me: "Couldn't you do anything for him? He's like a bird in a cage." The father burst out: "Let them open the factory doors again and give the young people jobs".

Eduardo was born into a family on the bottom rung of Spain's one million smallholdings, which have virtually no economic future in a market economy unless they can be modernized. The economic crisis has revealed cruelly the deficiencies of the Franco regime's development model based on industrialization with a neglect of agriculture.

Later in the journey, I was to hear Señor Carlos Romero, the Agriculture Minister, promise schemes to encourage unemployed young people to return to the villages and recultivate the land. But the rural exodus to the factories of the Franco years left older people to do the job, or the women alone. More than 60 per cent of Spain's farmers are aged between 40 and 60. Once the taste of modern urban living standards has been acquired, it is an uphill task to redirect young energies to the land and modernize techniqes. And, bitter twist, modernization means fewer farm-workers.

Tomorrow: The grape pickers.



Lisbon banquet: Señor González, left, with Dr Soares

Soares preempts joint Iberian approach

From Our Special Correspondent, Lisbon

Spain and Portugal are seeking a final decision on their negotiations to enter the European Community when the 10 EEC members hold their summit meeting in Athens next month.

"We have a right to demand that the EEC partners, say clearly what their position is," Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, said here in frustrated tones before flying back to Madrid yesterday.

But as he and Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, signed a so-called Declaration of Lisbon "pledging a more fruitful relationship between the two Iberian nations", the Portuguese Prime Minister had already sent off a personal letter to the Ten arguing for his country's entry. *He did* not wait for the Lisbon meeting to agree the text of a *joint* approach as Señor González had intended.

The Lisbon declaration told the Ten that budgetary difficulties cannot justify forgetting the historic task of enlarging the Community.

Dr Soares argues it is up to Europe to decide when Portugal enters, while insisting his country cannot wait "indefinitely", implying the January, 1986, date regardless of Spain's position.

The two *premiers* agreed to meet annually to impart political impetus to closer Iberian relations and to form a permanent secretariat.

Experts are to start talks on a new fishing programme and on tariff concessions Spain might make to ease Portuguese exports. Road bridges are to be built over the *Guadiana* and Minho rivers.

UK women jailed in vice mix-up

Harare (AP) – Soldiers forced five British teachers into a lorry and then jailed them in a nationwide crackdown on prostitutes which has resulted in hundreds of married and single women and even schoolchildren being detained.

The teachers were arrested on Friday night in Gweru, 140 miles south of Harare. Soldiers toting sub-machine guns, police and members of Mr Robert Magabe's *Zimbabwe African* National Union's youth brigade swooped on women in night clubs, cinemas, hotels, supermarkets and private homes, in seven of the country's main towns.

"They kept us in jail for five hours cramped like sardines, *16 to* 10 in a cell," said Miss Angie Cotler, aged 26, who came to Zimbabwe from London, in May to teach at Gweru's Nashville High School.

She was arrested, she said, because she and other white friends had protested when soldiers raided the theatre where they were watching a film and arrested all black women, including fellow teachers.

"We went outside to try to get a particular friend of ours out. We told the soldiers that she was a teacher. But there was so much confusion. The soldiers had been drinking and everyone was shouting and arguing.

"Eventually, they just forced all of us into the truck. I was *holding my boy friend's* hand and they just wrenched us apart."

Miss Cotler was released only after her boy friend and other friends had contacted the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Poland to put up prices

Warsaw takes a big risk

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish authorities have anounced proposals for a wide range of food price rises, a controversial issue that in the past has sparked off riots, toppled governments and helped to spawn Solidarity.

The price increase, to come into force on January 1, is the riskiest undertaking by the Jaruzelski Government since it lifted martial law last July. Every effort is being made to defuse potential unrest. Polish *television has been instructed* by the Central Committee to play a calming role.

The Polish people have been given special telephone numbers to ring to express their grievances and the new post-Solidarity trade unions are supposed to hold briefing sessions for factory workers over the next month.

The idea of printing the proposals now is to eliminate the element of surprise – according to party analysts the prime cause of riots in the past – and induce a sense of inevitability. Poles are asked to choose between two scales of price increases, one that would raise living costs by about 4.5 per cent and the other that would involve a 6.5 per cent increase but with special compensatory payments for the lower paid.

Polish television broadcast interviews at the weekend with several dozen shoppers in the street and did not censor out critical opinions. One woman standing in a snow-blown Gdansk street shouted at the *camera that* she could not afford to pay 120 zloties for butter out of her child support allowance of 5,000 zloties (about £114) a month. Another *worker said that any increase* whatsoever in the bread price would be unacceptable. Others complained about the quality of food.

The first category of price rises will add the equivalent of £800m to the national food bill but will not reduce the heavy subsidies on food. The second will add £1,100m to the bill but will reduce some of the subsidies.

Basic foods will rise by *between 10 and 15* per cent but the cost of butter will increase, under the proposals, by 40 per cent and chicken by up to 70 per cent. Butter rationing was reimposed last week, apparently to forestall large-scale hoarding

The official press has blamed the rise in the cost of chickens on American sanctions which have denied Poland maize and other chicken feed.

The politburo met on Friday and called a full plenary session *of the Central Committee* for this Friday to be specially devoted to economic matters. The discussions will give added support to the Government in its contention that *food prices* have to be increased.

But the large number of Central Committee members with official posts in factories may well lead to some plain speaking about the management of the economy.

Representatives of party cells in the 200 principal Polish factories have already warned the party leadership that food price rises may trigger disturbances.

US arms not a priority for Argentina

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires



Señor Caputo: "Lift the curtain of fear"

Argentina's incoming Government will not consider buying arms from America a priority, the Foreign Minister-elect said.

Señor Caputo told *The Times:* "If the United States wants to lift its embargo on arms sales to Argentina, they can go ahead and lift it, but they will be selling a product that is not on our priority list." Señor Caputo regarded the possibility of the ban being lifted as an *interesting signal.* But, he said: "We would prefer other signals of peace instead."

Señor Raul Alfonsin's government would prefer that Washington lift the curtain of fear that hangs over Central America with the threat of military intervention. "This requirement goes for both the United States and the Soviet Union," Señor Caputo added.

The Reagan Administration is considering lifting the arms embargo as a show of good faith.

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Hongkong looks for a palliative

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Hongkong's 5.3 million people are awaiting the sparse official statement which will follow the latest round of talks on the colony's future, today and tomorrow. They can only hope for a choice of words which will take away their fears and give them confidence.

Last month's two-day session in Peking was described by the British side as "useful and constructive" – the first time that even those cautious words of approval had been used.

More recently Mrs Margaret *Thatcher encouraged optimism* by announcing that Britain would insist on a continuing presence after 1997, when China wants to resume control, while Mr Deng *Liquin,* China's director of information, indicated that Peking would allow Hongkong to continue its capitalist economy after that date – at least for some time.

Confidence is important not only for economic reasons, but to prevent a mass exodus from Hongkong should people start to envisage a radical change in their lifestyle. A flow of some funds and people from the colony as 1997 approaches would seem inevitable, but Britain as well as Hongkong itself will want to keep this to a minimum.

The colony's population has *grown from a mere* 400,000 after the Second World War to its present huge total. But only 20,000 – most of them British expatriates – have United *Kingdom passports and a right* of abode in this country.

A further 2.5 millions, nearly half the population, have British Dependent Territory *Citizen passports while the rest* are either too poor to travel or have not yet lived there the necessary seven years to become Hongkong "belongers" and so qualify for the *full* passport. These relative newcomers to the colony can travel abroad on a certificate of identity.

But none of these has the automatic right to settle in Britain, a right which was lost about 20 years ago and which has been therefore unaffected by the recent British Nationality, Act.

Hongkong sources deny that there has been any dramatic outflow of money from the colony as people prepare for the worst – although there has undoubtedly been some movement of funds.

On the other hand, the Hongkong authorities are claiming 180 overseas companies opening in the colony in the first nine months of this year.

Hongkong's population is already – and not surprisingly – 98 per cent Chinese. But one result of a 1997 takeover must be that the proportion will grow even higher as the first to leave will no doubt include the two per cent "others".

Uganda troops harass refugees in Sudan

By Richard Dowden

Ugandan refugees in southern Sudan are being harassed by Ugandan soldiers crossing the border and may face growing hostility from the Sudanese themselves, according to refugee adi workers.

A confidential report from the workers says that Sudan is under increasing pressure from the Uganda Government to force refugees out of the border area.

The Sudanese Army, facing a renewed threat from the southern secessionist movement, Anyanya 11, can offer little protection.

There are more than, 350,000 refugees from Uganda living in southern Sudan, about 95,000 refugees from uganda living in southern Sudan, about 95,000 of them in UN camps on the west bank of the Nile. They are said to be afraid of coming to the camps because of the irregualar food supply and fear of being forcibly repatriated.

A UN worker said guerrilla bands were carrying out sporadic raids on Uganda Army posts, but he did not know which movement they represented. In retaliation, Ugan*dan troops have been crossing* the bordr and attacking refugees.

The Uganda Government claims it operates a policy of "reconciliation and not revenge" towards the refugees. But one aid worker said: "Obote's troops seem to regard all refugees, especially those who return, as guerrillas. Whenever there is any fighting near the border, there is a wave of atrocities all the way back to Arua."

Conditions in the settlements are described as hazardous. There is little medical help and no secondary schooling.

ETA blamed for murder of Spanish officer

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Left-wing terrorists have murdered a Spanish Navy lieutenant in the northern fishing town of Bermeo, according to reports published here yesterday.

The 52-year-old officer, father of six children, had been assigned to his post at the Bermeo port authority only four months earlier.

Police blamed the Basque secessionist organisation ETA and said the fatal shooting occurred as the lieutenant was walking from his office to his flat on Saturday night.

The killing was a continuation of the escalation of violence by the ETA in the face of tougher ant-terrorist measures announced by the Government early this month. *Last Wednesday the ETA killed* a barman in Bilbao and last monday the same organization kidnapped a businessman near San Sebastian.

British TV spy series angers Moscow

Moscow (AP) – *Izvestia* yesterday accused British television of glorifying a founding father of international terrorism with a film about the *spy,* Sidney Reilly, who operated in Russia after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

In a commentary entitled Spy *brought out of Oblivion, Izvestia* said Reilly had devoted his life after 1917 to attempts to destroy Soviet power.

After the revolution, it said, "Britain's intelligence service charged its chief expert on Russia with the task, formulated by Winston Churchill, of strangling Bolshevism in its cradle.

"In 1918, Sidney Reilly . . . was shuttling between Petrograd and Moscow, mustering forces in the underground to stage a counter-revolutionary coup.

"The makers of the film prefer not to mention these episodes

SPECTRUM

Edward Mortimer meets Amos Oz, the Jewish writer who refuses to be history's eternal pioneer

Israel is evolving into "a mad and slightly evil country. Perhaps this is the conclusion we can derive from Amos Oz's trips around Israel and the West Bank, and the conversations he had there, in October and November 1982...." That was how the *Jerusalem Post's* Benny Morris began his review of the Hebrew edition of *In the land of Israel*, the book from which the extracts below are taken. Accordingly, when I went to see Oz at his home, Kibbutz Hulda (south of the main Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway), I started by asking how he felt about washing this sort of dirty linen in the columns of *The Times*.

He replied that he did not see the book as "dirty linen" at all. "What I aim to do, and believe I have done, is to produce a polyphonic record of present-time Israel, or at least some segments of it, with all its sound and fury and pain. There is nothing of 'dirty linen' in the fact that several Israelis are tormented by the present reality, or by the traumatic past. The right way to read this collection is to treat it as a painful human comedy, a tale about a very troubled family, in which every member of the family – or almost every one – has an instant formula for instant salvation and is out to save everyone else's soul."

At the age of 44, Amos Oz is Israel's most famous living writer. Within Israel, he has become something of a guru for the liberal Zionist intelligentsia. Born in Jerusalem of Russian-Polish parents, a kibbutznik from the age of 15, writing in Hebrew and finding his themes mainly within contemporary Israeli society, bitterly critical of government policies yet unflinchingly loyal to the state and to the central Zionist concept, he represents that synthesis between liberal European culture and the land of Israel which is one version of the Zionist ideal.

Those who cling to that ideal value him especially because he represents it so well, and so combatively, at a time when it is under attack from another, less liberal Zionism which is also a synthesis, woven of at least three strands: the intransigent Jewish nationalism of the heirs of Jabotinsky, the fanaticism of an exclusivist religious tradition suddenly presented with the opportunity to translate its political and geographical metaphors into hard fact; and the resentment felt by Jews of Afro-Asian origin at the condescension with which Israel's liberal European establishment has treated them and their culture.

All three strands of this anti-liberal Zionism are exposed in this book. Yet he disclaims having written it as an exposé. He presents it more as a work of education, and in the first instance of self-education: "Never before had I made an attempt to listen carefully and sympathetically to my worst political opponents, from the PLO to Gush Emunim. This time I made a deliberate effort to give them not only a fair hearing but even a convincing voice: I lent my own voice to those people, who are sometimes not very articulate in explaining themselves to the outside world. In a sense it was a labour of love."


Amos Oz: "read this collection as a painful human comedy"

So is he happy with the Israel he has discovered? No. "I'm not at all happy with anything in Israel." But, "I suppose down below I'm very proud of the fact that, despite the long Jewish tragedy and the relatively short Israeli tragedy, this country is still one of the most open, argumentative, soul-searching societies in the world. A busqueue or a grocery in Israel is a mini-parliament where total strangers discuss vehemently not only politics, but ideology, religion, social justice, sex, theology – and I like it this way in spite of the fact that it hurts."

Is this kind of open, argumentative society not threatened by violence when, as happened in February this year, a person taking part in a peaceful demonstration can be killed with a hand-grenade? Yes, he says. "It is a direct threat to the basic, pluralistic spirit of Israeli society. But still ... in one hundred years of Zionism less than fifty Jews were killed by other Jews for political or ideological reasons. For a much lesser cause than the one which divides the Israelis now, other peoples would probably be at each other's throats quite literally, not metaphorically. What we Israelis do is give each other ulcers – or a heart attack."

Oz says he finds it difficult to prevent "pro-peace intellectuals in the West 'from hugging me for the wrong reasons". He describes himself as a Peace Now activist, but stressers that "Peace Now has never been a replica of the American anti-war movement". "No one within the Peace Now movement maintains that the enemy is unreal, that we fundamentally fight the Arabs for the wrong reasons".

He is not, he says, "in love with nation states". Indeed "as a Jew, having a nation-state of my own makes me sometimes feel like an old man in a kindergarten. We Jews have been through that game thousands of years ago, and in a way we have performed for nearly two thousand years what I regard as the ideal model of the existence of a civilization without the murderous toys of nationhood, except that it was a one-man-show or a one-people show. Some of the audience applauded, some other part of the audience persecuted the performer, and some slaughtered him...

"I can't afford it. I'd be delighted to be the tenth one in the world or the fifth one in the neighbourhood, to join a post-nationalistic world. But for the life of me I'm not going to be the eternal pioneer of the next phase in human hisory. As long as everyone else has glass in their windows and locks on their doors, and tanks and aeroplanes, I'm going to play the bloody game according to its bloody rules whether I like it or not. That's really my Zionism from A to Z."

Voices from the land of Israel

'I don't believe there will be peace until the Arabs realize that we did them a favour by letting them stay alive at all'

The Land doesn't belong to the Jews or to the Arabs
The Land is God's
Whoever finds favour in his eyes will receive His Land

WITH ORIENTAL JEWS IN BET SHEMESH

"I'll tell you what shame is: They gave us houses; they gave us the dirty work; they gave us education; and they took away our self-respect. What did they bring my parents to Israel for? I'll tell you what for. But you sure won't write this. You'll think it's just provocation. But I'll tell you what for: wasn't it to do your dirty work? You didn't have Arabs then so you needed our parents to do your cleaning and be your servants and your labourers. And policemen too. You brought our parents to be your Arabs.

"But now I'm a supervisor. And he's a contractor, self-employed. And that guy there has a transport business. Self-employed, too. If they give back the territories, the Arabs will stop coming to work and then there you'll put us back into the dead-end jobs, like before. If for no other reason, we won't let you give back those territories. And that's besides the rights we have from the Bible, and besides security. Look at my daughter: she works in a bank now and every evening an Arab comes to clean the building. All you want is to dump her from the bank on to some textile machine, or have her wash the floors instead of the Arab. Like my mother used to clean for you. That's why we hate you here. As long as Begin's in power, my daughter's secure in the bank. If you guys come back, you'll bring her down first thing."

WITH SETTLERS AT TEKOA (WEST BANK)

Harriet (American immigrant):
"In general, I don't believe there'll be peace. The Gentiles' hatred of Israel is an eternal thing. There's never been peace between us and them, only when they beat us completely or when we'll beat them completely. Maybe only if they let somebody like Arik Sharon wipe out as many of them as possible, and those countries of theirs, until the Arabs realize that we did them a favour by letting them stay alive at all.

"This is a religious war! A holy war! For them *and* for us! A war against all of Islam. And against the goyim."

Menachem (her husband, born in Jerusalem):
"I'm much more extreme than Harriet, but actually I see a good possibility of living with the Arabs in friendship. When? When they realize they're here out of mercy and not by right. I talk Arabic real well; I have a lot of Arab acquaintances – I worked with them. My family is from Aden. We know that the Arab is a good-hearted, obedient creature if only nobody would incite him or put ideas into his head. The Arab's not a warmonger. He just has to know, very clearly, what his place is."

Danny (Menachem's apprentice, born in Galilee to parents from Kurdistan):
"Look how empty it is here. There's plenty of room."

AN OLD ARAB IN RAMALLAH (WEST BANK)

Oz: What, in your opinion, should be done with the Arab inhabitants?
Danny: That's a hard question. I know what not to do: not to kill, not to throw then out, not to oppress. But what should be done, I don't know yet. But I keep thinking about it. A lot.
Oz: Do they have rights?
Danny: You can't say they don't: they're human beings.
"You took everything from us. How can you sleep at night? Don't you fear God? You took everything! But we were also wrong. Guilty. You know in the beginning our people would kill Jews for nothing. For no reason! Now we've got our punishment. You've been punished by God, too. Write in the Israeli newspapers, write: what was is over. Finished. Everyone wants to live on the land and the property. All the Jews and Arabs want to live. Write that land doesn't belong to the Jews or to the Arabs. The land is God's. Whoever finds favour in His eyes will recieve His land. God alone decides. And whoever does evil will pay the price: God will pass over him and forget him."

Z – "A MAN WITH A CERTAIN REPUTATION"

"I want you to know that I personally have absolutely no desire, and no reason either, to be better than Khomeini or Brezhnev or Gaddifi or Assad or Mrs Thatcher, or Harry Truman who killed half a million Japs with two sweet bombs. Smarter than them, yes! I want to be quicker, more clever, more efficient than them, but under no circumstances do I have any ambition whatsoever to be more prettified and moral than them ... Let 'em realize that we're a wild country, deadly and dangerous to the whole neighbourhood, awful, crazy, capable of suddenly going nuts because they murdered one of our kids – even one! – and running wild and burning all the oil fields in the Middle East ... Let them know in Washington, in Moscow, in Damascus and China that if they shoot one of our ambassadors, or even a consul, or even the attaché in charge of stamp collecting, we're capable of starting, suddenly just for the hell of it, before breakfast, World War Three."

GUSH EMUNIM* LEADERS AT OFRA (WEST BANK)

Pinchas Wallerstein:
"In May, 1975, we were the only Jewish settlement in all of Samaria. And slowly but surely all kinds of right-thinking people began to find their way to us – one person brought us a gift of cinder blocks; another brought cement; one guy brought toilet bowls. And bear in mind that all of this happened while Labour was in power. These people, the leaders of Labour, had, in spite of it all, a certain awe of latter day pioneers like ourselves. It's in their blood. They would never have evacuated and destroyed Yamit like that! Begin's already a different story altogether. He was the one who broke the Zionist taboo against uprooting a Jewish settlement." (Yamit was an Israeli town in Sinai, evacuated in Spring, 1982 under the terms of the peace treaty with Egypt.)

Yisrael Harel:
"I think that the positions of Gush Emunim really do constitute an irritating and alarming threat to the legitimacy of secular, hedonistic 'Israelihood'. The existence of Gush Emunim disturbs your experiences of modern Western existence, including permissiveness and pacifism and internationalism; it interferes with your attempt to 'adjust' our society to fashionable western values. You have been cornered by a multi-faceted threat: first of all, in terms of Zionist fulfilment you are no longer the pioneers. Second, you've been tangled up in a war you don't really believe in. Third, what you view as injustice is being done to the Arabs in your name."

Sarah Harel (on the Sabra-Chatila massacre):
"I may also have been overwhelmed by the thought that if the Arabs are capable of doing something like that to other Arabs, what awaits us if we are trapped in a moment of weakness? And perhaps I feel a bit desolate that, after all, we were there, in the neighbourhood, and maybe we could have – or couldn't we? – done something to stop it ... And afterwards the shocking reaction in the Israeli street: the understandable pain that ran amok, turned into a festival of self-hatred, a public circus for the blood of the government ministers and army commanders ... what a moral massacre thay started against the army and the government, against ourselves! Awful!"

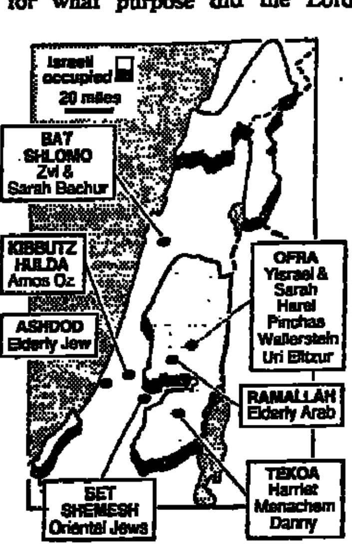
Uri Elitzur (lecturer in mathematics and one of the leaders of the violent resistance against the evacuation of Yamit):
"Western culture is all alien to the spirit of Judaism, and the current tryst with western culture is a passing episode in our history, like earlier romances with foreign cultures." (Uri has no hesitation about revealing to Oz that after an incident when stones were thrown at cars belonging to Ofra's residents, he and his friends stormed into Ramallah to shatter Arab car windows.) "Yes, we took the law into our own hands. And believe me, the Arabs understood it perfectly. They respect us a lot more than they respect Jews like you."

WITH AN ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS TEACHER IN JERUSALEM

Do they teach vocational subjects here? The instructors point to the Arabs repairing the roof under the auspices of Mayor Teddy Kollek and answers with a question: "And for what purpose did the Lord, blessed be He, create them? Why was Ishmael the goy called Ishmael, which means 'he shall hear the Lord,' do you know? No? I'll tell you. He was called Ishmael so that he would hear what Isaac ordered him to do. And why was Isaac the Jew called Isaac. 'He shall laugh'? So that he would laugh at the sight of this, because the Labour of righteous men is done by others."

And do they celebrate Israel Independence Day here? My partner in conversation smiles sadly and explains gently, as if to a deathly ill person: "And what is there to celebrate about this? Nu, has the Messiah come? The End of Days? The state you made for yourselves (his voice drips almost to a whisper) – just between the two of us – why even you're already sick of it. Whoever doesn't leave it is ashamed of it, and whoever doesn't leave and is not ashamed of it, steals from it shamelessly ..."

The devil inspired me to ask him what he thought of Gush Emunim. And he answered me contentedly. "Them, they're all sheigitzes. Impudent. Terrible. Real pagans. Idolaters. Acting as if they've got the Messiah in their back pocket, and turning the goyim against us. And for what? For rocks and trees ..."



The war-torn lands of the Israeli settlers

WITH VETERAN JEWISH FARMERS AT BAT SHLOMO

Zvi Bachur:
"I'm 78 years old and every morning at four or five, I go out to work the land. I want you to know: at five o'clock in the morning this is already an Arab country. To the breadth and length of this country, the Arabs are up and working and the Jews are still fast asleep."

His wife, Sarah:
"Little 14 year old *shiksas* from the Arab village work in our fields, and Jewish boys are either in the army in Lebanon, or in the secret service, or flitting around the world, or in the stock market, or the-devil-knows-where, or just hanging around all day, their heads full of soul-searching."

Zvi:
"And right now the Arabs are raising a new generation, just the opposite of what used to be, educated, quiet, serious, even idealistic. There's a lot of them going back to their religion. Dreaming all the day long about a homeland. There's even some willing to sacrifice themselves. And us? Something's gone wrong – very wrong."

WITH AN OLD ROMANIAN IMMIGRANT, ASHDOD

"I'll tell you what I believe, mister. Listen, everyone is good. Begin is good. Peres is good. Rabin is good. Of course his honor the president is good. And David Levy, too. Everybody's a hero. From all the communities. Everybody wants it should be good. Everybody gives from his life to the country. They should get respect for that! This argument what we got – is nothing; they have such in the best families. They argue? So they make up. Me, I'm for everybody. I already seen with my own eyes what the goyim got and what we got. The state of Israel – a very nice thing!"

Oz's conclusion:

Perhaps we must limit ourselves and forgo the rainbow of messianic dreams, whether they be called "the resurrection of the Kingdom of David and Solomon" or "the building of a model society, a Light unto the Nations," "fulfilment of the vision of the Prophets" or "to become the heart of the world". Perhaps we should take smaller bites....

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*Gush Emunim – Block of the Faithful – the spiritual-political movement seeking to build Jewish settlements throughout the Israeli-occupied territories.

Judah Passow/Network


Palestinian resident of the Balata refugee camp in Nablus, on the West Bank during a dawn-to-dusk curfew.

moreover... Miles Kington

A Ross by any other name

Poor old Albert. Now that he has at last fought free of Victoria's apron strings and been given an exhibition of his own, it's being advertised entirely in terms of his wife. "Victoria and Albert", say the ads, with "Victoria and" lightly rubbed out. "I hope she is amused", says the bubble over his head. I don't know about Victoria, but I feeling profoundly depressed at this display of sexism.

Or partnerism, rather. Partnerism is prejudice shown against one member of a duo, whereby all the attention goes to the other partner. Take Gilbert and Ellice, for instance. Ellice, the talented composer who occasionally stepped in when Sullivan was having a furious row with Gilbert, is now totally forgotten, although, I believe, the Gilbert and Ellice operetta *Happy Easter Island* is sometimes revived by amateurs. Or St Pierre et Miquelon – Saint Peter we all know about but Miquelon, the locksmith of the Gates of Heaven, is commemorated only in the name of some French islands. And take Martini and Rossi....

But here we come across one of the great mysteries of history, the forgotten story of Albert Ross, who partnered more people than anyone in history and always ended up as the partner whom no one remembers. He was born in 1879 in Auchterlonely, in Scotland, and grew up with the singular ambition of being a straight man in a music hall duo. Most comics crave to be the funny one, but he always reckoned that the nervous tension and acrobatics involved in comedy would wear a man out, and it was as a straight man that he always auditioned.

In his autobiography, he relates how his first auditions were disastrous – he tried to perform solo as a straight man, the result being less than humorous – but that he soon met up with and partnered Doug Cromarty. Doug was a rollicking dialect comedian who specialized in arriving on stage drunk and performing all the better for it. Ross and Cromarty became well-known at the turn of the century in the Scottish provinces, but the taste in those days was for fake Scotsmen like Harry Lauder, and the act never made it to London.

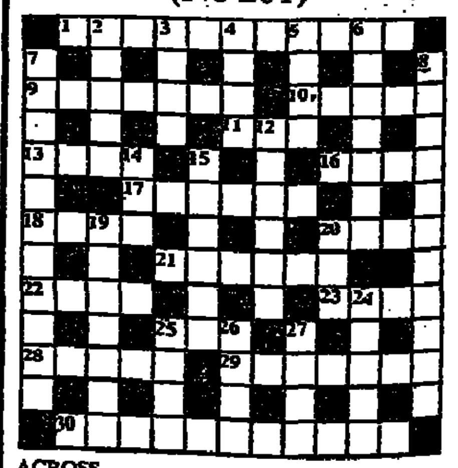
Ross teamed up briefly in Wales with a comic called Harry Wye, but Ross 'n' Wye never caught on beyond lending their name to a town, and Ross went abroad to find his fortune, to Germany and then to Italy. He claims that in Germany he formed half of a team known as Ross and Kavalier, later turned into a musical by Strauss, but historians privately doubt this. What is beyond doubt is that he teamed up with Signor Martini in Italy as a business partner. Martini had a dry vermouth which he claimed as better than anyone else's but wouldn't sell better. Rossi (as he was known to the Italians) had the simple solution. "Put an olive in it", he said.

It worked, and they made a fortune. Ross stayed with the firm for 10 years, till they got tired of this morose Scotsman standing around telling them to put an olive in it, and he moved on to Ireland, where he teamed up with Somerville and produced the leisurely tales of the Irish R M which Channel 4 were later to immortalize, or at least to televise.

By this time he had acquired a certain reputation as the forgettable half of partnerships (who has ever heard a request for a dry Rossi, or Rossi Bianco?) and it is no coincidence that when Lawrence of Arabia was looking for an anonymous name to enter the forces with, he chose Ross.

He spent his declining years working on his autobiography, trying to analyse the psychological factors which had made him always the lesser half of everything or, in the title of the work, *The Ross Dependency*. It came as little surprise to him to find later that this was already the name of part of the Antarctic. His whole life had been spent like that. He died of a heart attack when he bought James Thurber's book, *The Years with Ross* and found it wasn't about him.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 201)



ACROSS
1 Stone coffin (11)
9 Spanish prince (7)
10 Moment (5)
11 Palestine homeland group (1,1,1)
13 Sway (4)
16 Rent (4)
17 Exhilarated (6)
18 Larboard (4)
20 Funeral pile (4)
21 Split (6)
22 Stupid people (4)
23 Nothing (4)
25 Welsh valley (3)
28 Perfect (5)
29 Japanese flower art (7)
30 Close end to race (5,6)

DOWN
2 Impure quartz (5)
3 Transfer (4)
4 Homework (4)
5 Car (4)
6 Public service (7)
7 Fear of open spaces (11)
8 Respectful (11)
12 Room for improvement (6)
14 Permit (3)
15 Immature (6)
19 Revive (7)
20 Write (3)
24 Gemstones (5)
25 Soft lump (4)
26 Take offence (4)
27 Gaseous element (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize crossword will appear on Saturday. Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

The Great Taste Test



A sideways look at the British way of life

Stephen Bayley is director of the Conran Foundation's Boilerhouse Project at the Victoria & Albert Museum. As such he has arranged the current exhibition devoted to taste, in which artefacts are placed upon pedestals or on dustbins *to indicate the judgments that people have passed* upon them. This deliciously provocative approach smacks, of course, of the sort of thing that gets good taste a bad name.

De gustibus non est disputandum. One man's meat has always been another man's poison. Bayley having thrust himself among the tastemakers, by *making a show of other* people's value judgments, becomes himself a touchstone for taste. Practical or preposterous? Robin Young visited him both at work and at home to collect evidence.

Then Sir Roy Strong, the Director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, was asked to consider the taste displayed by Bayley's possessions and give his verdict: is he a man of good taste or bad?

Suresh Karadia





Exhibit A: Bayley at work

To get to the Boilerhouse before the V & A opens one must use the tradesman's entrance. Bayley, built more like a rugger player than an aesthete but with a coral red woollen scarf twirled tastefully about his shoulders, conducts the way through a clutter of scaffolding and past piles of disjointed drainpipes of doubtful purpose. "This was *once a foetid bunker*", *he* announces proudly, as he throws open the blank door to a clinically clean office that is all white, black and nunnish grey.

"Even the quest for neutrality is a profound expression of personal preference", he murmurs, in quiet satisfaction at the effect.

He makes his coffee, black for "purity of vision", and drinks from an Apilco cup and saucer – not in the familiar bottle-green and gold favoured by French brasseries, but white lined with silver grey.

The principal furniture is a black Conran table, surrounded by black and chrome Mies van der Rohe chairs. "They are awful as sitting machines. Tom Wolfe says they're guaranteed to catapult your guests face first into the lobster bisque. Anyway, meetings tend to be short".

Behind his functional white desk he has compromised with a more conventional office chair – a Klöber Sitzkomfort on wheels. Down shelving on the side wall are ranged magazines of the technology and design business – "my daily reading" – but among the vivid display are *Forbes, New York, Atlantic* and French *Vogue*.

On the desk in a white porcelain vase there are always white flowers. Beneath them is a British Telecom push button telephone, resprayed to Bayley's requirement in quiet dove grey.

"It is the ordinary parrot vomit colour underneath, which I am afraid you can see where it is flaking. The original purity of the design, I feel, has been extensively fouled up by British *Telecom*. In the age of communications, can you believe that they would provide such a nasty bit of plastic as this?"

At the front of the desk is a spirit level – "alas, you see my desk is not perfectly right" – and a toy model of "the world's most beautiful car – Pininfarina's Lancia Aurelia B20 GT – in original grey". At Bayley's side is his *dark* grey electronic typewriter, an Olivetti ET121, "chosen on visual grounds, but *it has proved just* brilliant and makes the IBM I have at home feel as though it was made by a very primitive tribe".

Illumination comes from a giraffe-necked and tiny-headed black Tizio lamp, designed as an improvement on the angle-poise principle by Richard Sapper for Artemide of Italy. "A transformer in the base turns 240 volts to only six volts carried through the arms, so there are no wires. You will find one of these in almost every archetect's office in the world."

Beside a red glass bowl by Ettore Sottsass Jnr. set on the table, the only remaining colour in the room is on the white tile floor behind me – a geometric patterned carpet of 1930s design. "Having created this clean, calm and unassertive environment we found it was like working in a swimming pool or speaking on a transatlantic telephone line. We needed an anechoic system, and this carpet is it. We found it in a junk shop. It is the sort of thing that Herbert Read, Niklaus Pevsner and John Betjeman condemned as suburban awful *good taste. I think it is rather* subtle."

Bayley sits comfortably in his Klöber contemplating the scene. "My clothes", he says smoothly, "were of course chosen in consciousness that you were coming. They are all from Paul Smith in Covent Garden. There are small and subtle points in the cut and design which please me – extra darts in the trousers, the lie of the revere, the unexpected angle of the buttonhole. Paul tells me it is quite impossible to sell such understatement outside London. People in the North, where we both come from, want something far more strident if they are going to spend money on clothes".

On the way out we glance at the visitors' book to the exhibition. Bayley is delighted with it. "We are going to collect and print the entries" he says.

The first I glimpse reads: "Rubbish". The next: "Bourgeois". "There will always be idiot contributions", Bayley says, "but many are really thoughtful". I try again: "Good taste", the entry reads, "is not having the audacity to inflict your opinion on other people".

Exhibit B: Bayley at home

Bayley lives in Vauxhall, in a street which my colleague Bryan Appleyard defines as "the mystical home of gentrification". He arrives for our appointment in his white Volkswagon Sirocco. Its sombre interior complements the Prince of Wales check of his suit. "I would like a Ferrari", he says, "but I would have to save up for a long time. I have a strong Calvinistic streak. I would rather do without something than have anything I do not like. I am the opposite of a collector. I am a great thrower-away. Having brought the contents of two flats to this house, my wife and I have just finished throwing it all out to create a stripped environment. I have an obsession about clutter."

The stripped environment is most nakedly exposed in the basement, a big bare room with the classic Habitat dining furniture grouped at the far end – Marcel Breuer dining chairs and a black Italian table. A Japanese-influenced lamp by Ingo Maurer came from a Conran shop sale, but neat shelving below the stairs for wine bottles (mostly Italian from The Winery) was custom-built by a student from the London College of Furniture ("took an age").

Cookery books shelved alongside an incipient collection of coffee making machines above the wine (Elizabeth David, and cordon bleu but also *The Underground Gourmet* by Milton Glaser, the graphic designer responsible for the "I love New York" heart) pave the way to the kitchen, tizzy pine units at which Bayley winces. "It was all here when we bought. It would be wanton to rip it out", he says, turning his back and heading upstairs.

His study has Finnish beech furniture and an arbitrary display of choice objects, prize among which is the filler cap from an F4 Phantom jet – "a wonderfully made thing". There are also his old typewriters, the upright Remington circa 1935 on which he wrote his first book, the Olivetti Lexikon 83DL on which he did his second, and the Olivetti Dora 12 designed by Sottsass in 1964. There is another Tizio lamp and a Danish telephone which will not connect to the British system. Sadly it is also not grey.

I bang my head sharply on an overhanging lamp (glass flanges and coloured centrepiece designed by Paul Heningsen in 1928. "It would be better over a dining table", Bayley apologizes, "but it does give a beautifully muted light".

At 32, Bayley has only just purchased his first sofa. It is Conran, square-built salmon pink with elegant grey piping, and about the size of an ocean liner. It is matched, Bayley points out, by the pink marble hearthstone he had found for the room. Otherwise there is only space for bookshelves, a Sony television on a wall bracket, a lamp suspended from a sweeping arc of chrome, and a couple of shining chrome stools like tractor seats.

Like the tall lamp in the adjoining room which points a car headlamp at the ceiling, the stools, Bayley says, were designed by Achille Castiglione long before hi-tech became fashionable. Otherwise the second room has only an over-restored oil painting *(Death of St Francis)* of the Spanish school, and a set of folding canvas chairs, being recanvassed in salmon.

In the bedroom (Conran duvet covers) a wall display of handmirrors ("an obsession of my wife's") is complemented by Bayley's own wing collars and dress ties. On another wall is a selection of floppy hats. "My wife, Flo, has gone out wearing one", Bayley observes, indicating an empty pin.

The bathroom (*teak gunwales* round the tub) Bayley attributes to the architect, Peter Wadley, but the use of offcuts of wood to make a pillar for a concealed light he calls "ingenious" and he moves the Descamps towels to show off a custom-made heated towel rail shaped like a double S-bend.

Throughout the tour, Bayley is only discomfited in the kitchen. He must have been aching, I realize now, for someone to come and write about his taste. There is no doubt that he, at least, loves it.

The exhibition, Taste, is at the Boilerhouse until November 24.

Robin Young

Bayley's bazaar

Watch: Rolex Oyster Perpetual ("only my stopwatch is quartz")

Cologne: Vetivert by Givenchy

Dictaphone: Sony TC100

Loafer shoes: Bass Weejuns

Hairdressing: Leonardo in Via Dante, Milan ("but usually it is more convenient to go to Patsy at Olofson's ladies' hairdressing, Knightsbridge");

Favourite toy: Falcon Safety Products' Dust Off canister of compressed air for blasting dust away. I love the aerospace details of it".



Restaurants: Costas Grill, Notting Hill Gate for atmosphere; Langan's Bistro and Neal Street Restaurant for food; Caprice for decor.

Sir Roy's verdict: a waxwork in his own museum

Brave are the hearts and eyes and minds that pronounce on taste. They climb of their own volition beneath the microscope lens and the results are invariably fatal.

Brave Mr Bayley of the red-rimmed spectacles (or at least on some days). May your hair go silver-grey soon to match your decor and thus extend your "quest for neutrality" to yourself. Beware, oh beware where your prognostications on taste have led you. You could be constructing sets for an updated version of Jacques Tati as M Hulot in *Mon Oncle*.

I am so glad to read that you have a sofa, even if it does look like an ocean liner. Perhaps it means that, one day, the words comfort and domesticity will enter your vocabulary and life. Perhaps ornament, pattern and decoration, in *the form of textiles, wallpapers, paint* and glaze will also give you delight as they have to the greatest designers and artists over the centuries. Perhaps plants and flowers and living things (you know, like cats and dogs) will give you joy and rise above being merely tasteful props.

Sir Roy Strong: "prefer style"

Remember you are not an exhibit, even though your office is a lit-up showcase in which you sit, Tussaud-like, but a human being with passions and feelings and foibles whose expression explodes in clutter, the true mirrors of humanity and sentiment.

All that spotless virgin white makes me worry about the cleaning lady and the dropped cup of coffee. It also makes me muse on the practicalities in terms of maintenance, wear and function. Here are chairs for a meeting which are 'awful sitting machines"; here are magazines arranged as exhibits in a pattern and not as reading matter; here is a desk which only looks good when it is empty.

That poor 1930s carpet on the floor looks so unhappy I sometimes wish to rush off with it and lay it in some between-the-wars semi with three-piece suite and radio and make it feel joyful again beneath happy family feet and not the designer's heel.

To misquote Charlotte Corday: "Taste, what crimes are committed in thy name". I actually prefer the word style to taste. At its best it is unaffected and personal, it betrays flair, originality, a confidence in the expression of choice in appearance and environment that is beguiling, eyecatching, enthralling and instantly recognizable.

Cheer up Mr Bayley. In an odd sort of way you have this.

Roy Strong

Penny Perrick

Compact is out of puff



There are plans to bring back *Compact*. For those of you who are, insultingly, too young to know what I'm talking about, *Compact* was a BBC soap opera about a women's magazine. It began in 1962 and was meant to run and run just like ITV's *Crossroads* (the brainchild of *Compact* inventors Hazel Adair and Peter Ling) and *Coronation Street*. In fact, *Compact* bit the dust long before its stars had time to make a fortune from selling their autobiographies to the Sunday tabloids, but not before it had inspired a whole generation of teenagers to apply for jobs on magazines.

One of those teenagers was me. I left school the minute it was legally possible to do so and headed straight for *Vogue* magazine in the hope of entering a *Compact*-like world of romance, glamour and the odd bit of creative writing. What I found was an all-pervad*ing smell of* Cow *gum, and a lot* of hopeful young women trying to survive on a small salary in an atmosphere almost as exclusively female as the girls' grammar school which I had just left.

Compact was jam-packed with squeaky-clean young men who alternatively dazzled or depressed female members of the cast according to what was needed to provide a suitably cliffhanging end to an episode. Such men do not exist on real magazines, at least not within desk-hopping distance of the departments where women work. Men like a bit of career structure, not to mention a bit of money, so they get fed into the system as accountants and trainee advertising representatives and come out the other end, glossily pin-striped with titles like Group Publisher or Managing Director (Sales).

Women seldom make it to the executive floor. They are supposed to count themselves lucky if they progress from secretary to fashion editor, even though the salary, should they do so, is much the same and their office just as shabby. The recompense for a meagre wage is, supposedly, being exposed to so much excitement, an excitement which I'm not sure is entirely beneficial.

I have seen home editors of magazines spend days interviewing some rich and celebrated lady about her Chelsea penthouse, with the silk walls and *trompe d'oeil murals*, before taking the tube back to their own rented flats in Kilburn. I have seen junior fashion assistants retrieve clothes from models after a day's shooting, send them back to the Bond Street boutique from whence they came, and then go out in search of a cheap pair of Woolworth tights for themselves. You might suppose that these women would become consumed by the politics of envy, but they never are. Some of them stay on the same magazine all their working lives, no doubt always hoping that one day they'll walk into the familiar office to find it turned into something that looks just like the set of *Compact*.

I'm not sure that *Compact*, with its magazine fantasy world, will be able to stage a comeback in its original form, in this, more world-weary television age. If it does return, I think it should be in the form referred to by socially realistic television directors as drama-doc. This would present the magazine office with the same cynical accuracy as *Brookside* presents life on a horrible housing estate.

We would see the art editor bursting into tears because the colour proof of the front cover has come back from the printer showing the Princess of Wales with pink hair and orange eyeballs. We would watch the telephonist begin a long and wearisome love affair with the *married production manager* because he's the only man she ever meets from Monday to Friday. The result might be more like *Within these Walls* than the original *Compact*, but it might stop thousands of misguided young women from thinking that working on a magazine is far more thrilling than becoming a chartered accountant.

● **"What you have to do is beware of lunch", is Tory MP Julian Critchley's advice to newly elected members of the House. Apparently men, especially those men who might conceivably have some influence in the world, are never given lunch except for nefarious purposes. Once they've accepted a lunch date, they are for ever at the mercy of arms-dealers, drug traffickers and people who wish petrol to retain a high content of lead. Women, it seems, have a much better time of it.**

It is the time when young women often receive rehearsals of marriage and older ones get offered jobs. I once shared an office with a woman who every so often would announce she was going out to lunch. Wearing her best clothes, she would sweep out on clouds of perfume and not reappear for hours. When she did, she would immediately open a packet of sandwiches. I don't know what she did during these extended lunch hours, but I'm sure she would have poured scorn on Julian Critchley's warning.

THE ARTS

A quirk of fate has brought John Schlesinger (right) back to major work in British television for the first time in a generation: his *An Englishman Abroad* reaches BBC1 at the end of the month after a showing at the London Film Festival. Interview by **Bryan Appleyard**

Shared fascination with English ironies

It is 1958 and the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Hamlet* is playing in Moscow. During the interval an appallingly drunk Guy Burgess makes his way backstage and into the dressing room of a startled Gertrude, played by Coral Browne. He vomits several times in the basin. Later he invites her to lunch and insists that she bring a tape measure.

Like so many before and since, Miss Browne is fascinated by the brilliant, shabby, homosexual traitor. She agrees to help replenish his wardrobe by taking his measurements and placing the orders in London with a shocked but eternally discreet tailor. She does, however, take the opportunity of the lunch – consisting of little more than a single tomato – to tell him exactly what she thinks of him.

Alan Bennett some time ago took this wispy little fragment and turned it into a typically witty script. Then John Schlesinger, an old friend of Miss Browne, took an interest. The result is *An Englishman Abroad*, to be shown first at the London Film Festival on November 21 and then on BBC 1 on November 29, a remarkable collaboration between the three of them which brings Schlesinger back to television for the first time, commercials apart, since the days of *Monitor* and *Tonight* in the late Fifties.

Alan Bates plays Burgess as a character realized entirely from Miss Browne's memories, Tom Driberg's autobiography and his letters. This is certainly not the view of Burgess seen in Julian Mitchell's play *Another Country*.

"I didn't believe in that play", says Schlesinger, "because I didn't believe public school boys were that immersed in politics. I would have bought it if they had been undergraduates. But I had heard so much about it in advance, I suppose my expectations were too high."

The opportunity for Schlesinger to return to television arose from a typical vagary of the American film industry. He has been putting together a spy film called *The Falcon and the Snowman* for three years now. Suddenly last year it looked as if it was finally about to fall through, so he grabbed the opportunity to shoot *An Englishman* in three conveniently snowy weeks in January when Dundee passed as a reasonably respectable Moscow. In fact *The Falcon* is now back on the rails and he starts shooting in Mexico City next month.

But, even for such an experienced operator, the three years of struggle have proved exhausting. It is the part of the job he hates. "Since I started in films I've done a number of difficult subjects and they've all been a problem to set up. You keep asking yourself: Is this ever going to happen? Where am I going to be next week? Which particular begging bowl am I going to be holding out? And which pair of trousers am I going to be wearing out singing "Mammy" in the front office? Then suddenly it's all over and you're off and exhausted before you've begun."

Perhaps the process has left him jaundiced, but he is clearly no optimist about the future of the movie industry. He is sceptical about the supposed renaissance in British films, pointing out that there was not so much as a single British penny in *Chariots of Fire* and that *Gandhi* took 20 years to get off the ground. The television-linked revival is fair enough but it can only produce low-budget films and generally local-interest material. For the really big audiences a movie still has to be a real movie.

Increasingly, Schlesinger sees mainstream cinema being taken over by "fairly meretricious films about nothing". He watched gloomily as two serious movies – *Under Fire* and *The Right Stuff* – both opened poorly in America and he still nurses a sadness that his own *Yanks*, although successful over here, never, really made it in the United States.

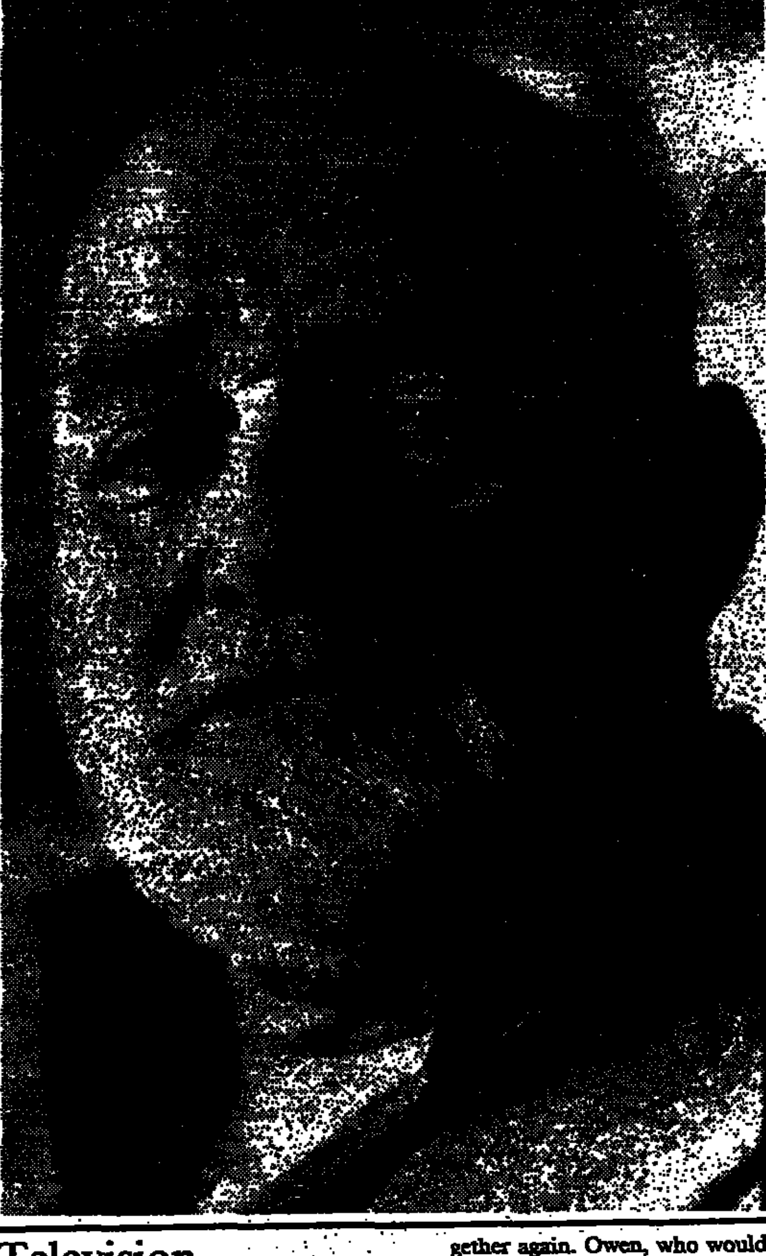
All of which made work on *An Englishman* an unalloyed pleasure. Instead of the fraught marketing considerations of the movie industry he could luxuriate in the benignity of the BBC. "You don't have to look over your shoulder and worry too much about who is going to understand this, or what audience you are aiming at, or whether it is going to work. It doesn't matter. They're a wonderful, well-organized establishment except for the fact that you get paid nothing."

The material, too, struck a chord. In realizing Burgess's deep loneliness and pining for home Schlesinger drew on his own feelings of homesickness to which he is always a prey when working overseas. In addition, he shares Bennett's fascination with the million little ironies, defeats and indiscretions of English life.

"One of the things about the English that I always miss terribly is this great sense of irony. Irony is a word that doesn't exist in America. I showed this film to some American friends and their reactions were violently different. Some loved it, but others just didn't get it. They couldn't understnd this business of laughing at ourselves and about spying. But, I mean, when the keeper of the Queen's pictures was exposed as the architect of it all, how can you keep a straight face?"

Englishman has prompted a possible second collaboration with Bennett. But first, after *The Falcon*, Schlesinger returns to opera with *Der Rosenkavalier* at Covent Garden; there are two possible films in America as well as *Separate Tables*, a television production which will be seen here in the New Year. And, as an associate director of the National Theatre, he owes the South Bank a production – the last was *True West*.

For a 57-year-old mandarin of the movies with misgivings about the future of the industry, it seems like a reasonable schedule, but an exhausting one. "I used to enjoy working on *Monitor*, but now, as soon as you've got a bit of fame or notoriety, you've got to keep up that standard, and that's an effort . . ."


Suresh Karadia

Dance

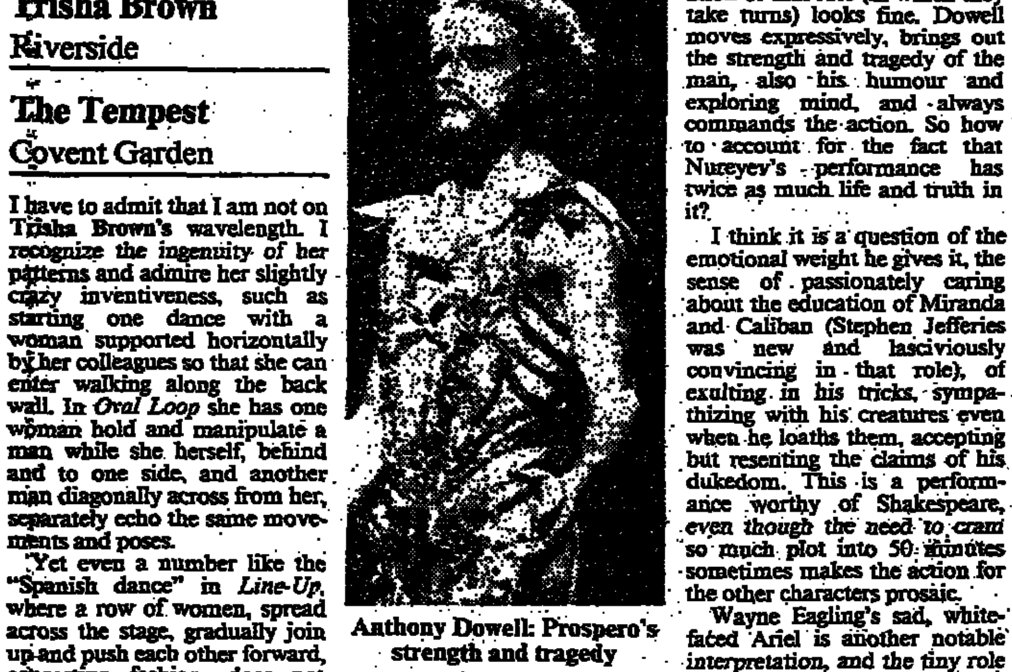
Trisha Brown
Riverside

The Tempest
Covent Garden

I have to admit that I am not on Trisha Brown's wavelength. I recognize the ingenuity of her patterns and admire her slightly crazy inventiveness, such as starting one dance with a woman supported horizontally by her colleagues so that she can enter walking along the back wall. In *Oral Loop* she has one woman hold and manipulate a man while she herself, behind and to one side, and another man diagonally across from her, separately echo the same movements and poses.

Yet even a number like the "Spanish dance" in *Line-Up*, where a row of women, spread across the stage, gradually join up and push each other forward, concertina fashion, does not amuse me as much as it should, and I am not held by the soft melting movements of *Set and Reset*, with an accompaniment specially written by Laurie Anderson, and the dancers dressed and framed by Robert Rauschenberg.

The fault must be partly mine, judging by the reactions of friends whose judgments I respect; but I think that the small, fidgety quality of some of Brown's movement must take part of the blame. Anyway, her performances at Riverside brought this year's Dance Umbrella season to a successful end with packed and enthusiastic houses. But there have been no exciting revelations of new, unexpected talent this year such as the last two Umbrellas provided. I do not believe that the supply has dried up. Is the explanation bad luck, or has economic pressure forced our one avant-garde entrepreneur to some extent to play safe?


Anthony Dowell: Prospero's strength and tragedy

At Covent Garden, Rudolf Nureyev danced Prospero in his own Tempest on Saturday afternoon. Until you see him, Anthony Dowell's interpretation of that role (in which they take turns) looks fine. Dowell moves expressively, brings out the strength and tragedy of the man, also his humour and exploring mind, and always commands the action. So how to account for the fact that Nureyev's performance has twice as much life and truth in it?

I think it is a question of the emotional weight he gives it, the sense of passionately caring about the education of Miranda and Caliban (Stephen Jefferies was new and lasciviously convincing in that role), of exulting in his tricks, sympathizing with his creatures even when he loathes them, accepting but resenting the claims of his dukedom. This is a performance worthy of Shakespeare, even though the need to cram so much plot into 50 minutes sometimes makes the action for the other characters prosaic.

Wayne Eagling's sad, white-faced Ariel is another notable interpretation, and the tiny role of Trinculo has suddenly become striking since Jonathan Burrows took it over. Also, in fairness to Dowell, I must repeat that his Prospero is excellent; it is only that Nureyev's is better.

Bryony Brind's debut in the "Gymnopedies" section of *Monotones* displayed her loose-hipped extentions to sensational effect, but the lyrical quality of this choreograpy continues to elude all the present casts, including the men.

John Percival

Theatre

Two Planks and a Passion
Northcott, Exeter

Anthony Minghella's thoughtful comedy shows Richard II snubbing London for refusing him a loan, bringing his queen and court to York at the time of the Corpus Christi mystery plays. Unknowing, the rude mechanicals of the Painters' Guild gather for a run-through of the Crucifixion, muttering anxiously about those jumped-up merchants who can spend a fortune on their Herod play and have ham for rehearsal breakfast. The painters' Master and greedy, litigious merchant mayor are girding themselves for a one-upmanship contest which the king exploits with glee.

Richard (Mark Jax) is neither the ambitious absolutist of history nor the Shakesperian aesthete, but a cheeky, often coarse Prince Hal who fools his host to the limit, demanding that everybody's dinner be given to the poor, begging the Mayor's best four-poster and perforating his beloved lawn for an impromptu golf tournament. He likes troilist bedroom romps with Anne getting slightly fewer tousles than the Earl of Oxford, a Gavestonian former favourite on (unhistorical?) flying visit from exile.

Stewart Trotter's production conjures up pageants and crowds with enormous vitality. The play is remarkable not just for its ambitiousness but for its skill in narrowing the focus to show, often with great economy, all the little private tragedies and anxieties. The apprentice still just beardless *enough to play the Virgin Mary* is marrying, but not the girl he loves. His master is nagged and cuckolded. The rich are harried by the commerical rat-race, the poor by the struggle to survive. The queen, whom Amanda Orton gives a lovely gentle wit and patience, faces terminal consumption, too often on her own; and Richard, while his uncouthness is overdrawn, can also appear as a tender lover and a shrewd man foreseeing toil and tears.

As well as unevenness in treatment, Mr Minghella's stylistic grip can falter but his best writing achieves fine, grave poetry, convincing for the period yet totally unaffected. Christ's Passion, shown in a version of the stark and brutal York Painters' Play, is shared by men and women who have been shown to need compassion; Mr Minghella's quiet last scene, beautifully acted and directed, is oblique, apparently incomplete but actually judged to perfection. On the comic side, special thanks to Amanda *Walker's Mayoress, a glorious* study in grand bourgeois grovel, and Patrick Romer's lousy, lecherous priest whose vision of restaging the Passion marks him as the manqué Busby Berkeley of Micklegate.

Anthony Masters

Television

Guilty diversions

Philip Roth collaborated with the director Tristram Powell on the screenplay of his novel The Ghost Writer (BBC2, Saturday), which he has said helpfully, for Roth is not easily reduced to basics, is about the de-idealization of an incipient artist. Roth's concerns about Jewishness, guilt, the isolated arrogance of creativity and its consequences for relationships can easily divert, powerfully conveyed as they are, from his central themes, though the diversions, usually illuminated by humour, are worth the trip.

In this novel, Nathan Zuckerman is reflecting on an incident in his early days as a writer. One of his short stories has distressed his father, who sees it as being read as a justification of all the things alleged about Jews that give sustenance to anti-Semites. Seeking validation of his stance, Nathan writes to his literary father, E. I. Lonoff, who ploughs a lone furrow in the New England countryside.

Lonoff invites him over and, in a day's space, Nathan finds his hero's life more complex than he could have imagined. There are the wife whose life has been sacrificed to providing the ambience conducive to her husband's exacting talent, and the mysterious Jewish girl *besotted by him*. Zuckerman adds his own fantasy, imagining the girl to be Anne Frank, a literary hero of whom his parents would approve, a liaison with whom would be an absolution for his guilt.

All was elegantly filmed in a stark New England winter and many images will linger in the mind, but I felt that Messrs Roth and Powell failed to capture the book. Film is always something else and this sagged rather.

Mark Linn Baker was believable as Nathan but Pauline Smit was too obviously a product of affluent nutrition to be imagined as the waif-like Anne Frank; Claire Bloom as Lonoff's wife was marvellous but quite desirable and far from the image presented by the book. Only Sam Wanamaker, I *thought, successfully* bridged the gap between written and filmed fiction.

But it did no harm to a Saturday evening, and ended in time for those optmistic enough to believe that the evening could yield two watchable programmes to find justification on ITV where Yorkshire presented Stephen MacDonald's award-winning Not about Heroes.

Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen met in 1917 at a Scottish war hospital where officers' minds were put together again. Owen, who would die a hero's death a week before the armistice, had been accused of cowardice; Sassoon was in "Dottyville" to save the Army the embarrassment of court-martialling a war hero for anti-war writings.

Mr MacDonald, who also played Sassoon, reconstructed their relationship from known facts linked by imagined dialogue and, of course, their verse. James Telfer was Owen and the two presented a grippingly reflective offering for Remembrance Sunday eve.

BBC2's Forty Minutes with *Something for the Ladies* was, with Miss World threatening on Thursday, topical too, recording the opportunities there are for the posturing male. It began with a tattoo contest and ended with a nauseating male stripper in Tewkesbury, made its point too many times, and seemed much longer than 40 minutes.

Dennis Hackett

Concerts

Philharmonia/Roxburgh
Barbican

To judge from the pitiful audience at Friday night's concert, I am not alone in beginning to lose patience with the Philharmonia's Music of Today series. If there is any point at all in such an endeavour, then there are two functions at least that it ought to be serving. First, it should be using the Du Maurier funding to perform works of the very highest quality. Second, it should be providing a testing ground, from which the most successful performances could go forward to the more public arena of the orchestra's regular concerts. As far as I am aware, that has never once happened.

With all possible respect to Edwin Roxburgh and Tim Souster, the two composers featured in this latest programme, it could scarcely be argued that their works represent what is most challenging, beautiful, new, interesting or remarkable in the orchestral music of the past decade.

Mr Roxburgh presided. He did so like an Anglican priest distributing blithe bonhomie to the faithful few, which was fair enough in the circumstances, and made one well disposed towards the piece of his own that occupied the first half: *Seven Tableaux*. Effectively a trumpet concerto in seven neat, short movements, it would be an excellent piece for children to hear, being brief, showy and very clear in its varied transformations of a simple motif.

It is not a work that could gain much from preparatory discussion, and Mr Roxburgh used the opportunity merely to offer selected highlights that made the ensuing performance very nearly redundant. John Wallace, the soloist, did his best at clamouring to so tiny a crowd.

The Souster piece was his *Song of an Average City*, a puzzle whose charm lies in one's repeated failures to try to make sense of the sound effects on tape, or of their relationship with the orchestral score. Mr Roxburgh and his musicians played it deftly against a raucous sound system.

Paul Griffiths

BBCSO/Wand
Festival Hall/Radio 3

It may not have been given to Günter Wand, as it was to Bernard Haitink at the Proms, to explain the ways of God to man. Where Bruckner's Ninth Symphony is dedicated to the creator, the Eigth looks merely *to the created in the person of* Emperor Franz Josef. But in the BBC Symphony Orchestra's performance on Friday, every bit as memorable in its own way, Mr Wand rekindled the very joy of human labour celebrating humanity.

The C minor Symphony, given in the Haas version, was, if anything, broad in its timespan, yet felt deceptively fast; it moved in supple, arching waves, yet every note, every dynamic graduation, every accompanimental detail was meticulously and imaginatively prepared.

In the first movement, reflection was stirred into action as horns and trumpets cut out bold, clean angles; in the finale, Mr Wand lifted each *tenuto* up and out of its own footprints, bringing excitement and panache as well as a sense of justness to each renewed return to tempo.

This rare and refreshing ability to find the smile twitching at the corners of Brückner's mouth, to seek out the elusive blitheness within such a rigorously workmanlike score, came into its own in the Scherzo. And between its idyll and the final renewal of action, the long stretches of the slow movement stirred with ever-changing inner energies as Mr Wand drew up, urged on and, with each section of the orchestra working masterfully together, powerfully directed *and sustained each transfiguring* climax.

Hilary Finch

Members of the Royal Danish Orchestra
Purcell Room

Readers of the popular press last week might suppose that the brass players in Danish orchestras spend their time being carried out of concerts *horizontal in a state of* inebriation. Inquiry suggests that there was precious little evidence for that particular story, and, as if to set the record straight, Friday night's concert by members of another Danish orchestra presented a spruce and sober brass ensemble.

In a suite of music from the Court of King Christian IV, Magnus Thomsen's Serenade made a splendid noise with natural harmonics, producing an *Orfeo* toccata a few years early. A couple of vocal transcriptions in this group were played with neat ensemble once some tuning problems had been overcome; but I am not sure that John Dowland would have appreciated the tambourine and screaming octaves in "The King of Denmark's Galliard."

Nielsen played in and conducted the Royal Danish Orchestra, so he had to be in the programme; but he would have surely been amazed by the exhumation of his religiose Five Preludes. Thorvald Hansen's amazingly cheery, almost bumptious Quintet of 1904 showed that these brass players also had a nicely lightweight touch.

But the meat of the programme was in Brahms's Clarinet Trio, Op 114, an admirable performance with sturdy piano playing from Tom Ernst and fervent cello playing from Anders Oberg. Only Lee Morgan's clarinet tone sounded a little thin and the third movement plodded; the rest was fine.

Nicholas Kenyon

Palmer/Constable
Wigmore Hall

As if to prove something both to herself and to her audience, Felicity Palmer brought an almost perversely individual set of songs to the Wigmore Hall on Saturday night in a programme as distinctive and keenly-honed as the mind and voice behind it.

Only those tirelessly dedicated to the indiscriminate pursuit of the neglected, though, can have taken much delight in Rossini's histrionic *scena* called *Giovanna d'Arco*: but, just as *John Constable artfully avoided* the coy in this introduction, so Miss Palmer sliced through the lurid accompanimental colours to build a compelling dramatic structure.

Her steely, sturdy hybrid of a mezzo-soprano is not, however, a natural vehicle for Rossini's coloratura; rather than labouring to achieve a somewhat contrived brilliance, the voice was happier, though inadequately served, in another comparative curiosity, Seiber's Four Greek Folk Songs.

In the sad absence of any of Miss Palmer's distinctive Russian repertoire, the most rewarding parts of the evening were provided, not surprisingly perhaps, by French composers whom she understands.

Chausson remained a little chill, his supple phrases not clothed quite warmly enough in their own intimate sensuousness. But Ravel and Poulenc carried the day. For the little cryptic, emblematic glimpses of *Histoires naturelles* in Ravel's bestiary, Miss Palmer found the *perfect distance* and tone of voice, hovering on the borders of silence in "Le Grillon" and verbally pointing at once the whim and the wonder of "Le Martin-Pecheur".

In *La Courte Paille* the subtle bending of tone to catch the faux-naivete of Poulenc's almost Dufyesque visual/aural conceits was achieved with a grace and style extended obliquely to her delightful Britten encore, "La Belle est dans le jardin d'amour".

Hilary Finch

PUBLISHING

Unequal partners

What surprised authors was that Fay Weldon's Booker Prize speech last month should have received the *publicity* it did and caused so much gnashing of teeth in the publishing community. It said little, if anything, revolutionary or new about the relationship between writers *and publishers*. What took publishers aback was that a leading novelist should have broken ranks (in the presence of the Minister for the Arts, too) and bitten the hands that feeds authors. For the ridiculous, obstinate truth is that publishers – with few, honourable expections – are brainwashed into believing that they are mainly responsible for the success or failure of the writers they publish, and that their authors not only should, but *do*, love them. If that is really so then something must have happened in recent years that is new to the history of publishing.

Paradoxically, authors wish that publishers were responsible for their well-being in the sense that, if their manuscripts are accepted for publication, they would like to believe (the novice author still does) that everything humanely and professionally possible will be done to edit, design, manufacture, promote and market the books in each country in which the publisher has the right to sell the unique product, an author's creation.

There would still be authors if there were no publishers. That is, manuscripts would continue to be written, even if they had to be distributed in Samizdat form. Literature would not stop. To declare that if there were no authors there would be no publishers, that the gargantuan British publishing industry *would have to* find a different means of livelihood, is both self-evident and fantastical.Yet Clive Bradley, chief executive of the Publishers' Association (whose current president is Philip Attenborough of Hodder & Stoughton, Fay Weldon's publishers), was quoted after the Booker Prize dinner by PHS as saying that the occasion is "usually a time when we celebrate the merits of English literature", which was exactly what Mrs Weldon's speech did, if taken in full as it should be.

What Mr Braadley meant, and also the publishers who blimpishly endorsed his remark, was that the Booker dinner is "usually a time when we celebrate the merits of English publishing". At the expense of Booker McConnell publishers annually toast themselves and the books – not difficult authors – they have been clever enough to publish.

The British book trade has colossal problems to contend with at present, and they should not be belittled. Too many titles are brought out, resulting in some miniscule sales, but not necessaily of the "best" or "most literary" books. Then there are piracy, photocopying, the price of British printing, inefficient distribution, the under capitalization of bookshops, decreasing public library purchase funds and so on. Yet *the fundamental problem*, the state of affairs between authors and publishers, is the one that too many pubishers choose to treat as if it does not exist.

Clive Bradley enlarged upon his comments to PHS in a letter to *The Times*, published on November 4. Mr Bradley, who is no fool and therefore must have a reason for saying so, declared that the Publishers' Association "has maintained frequent and invariably friendly relationships with the authors' organizations". Superficially this may be true but it is not how the office-bearers and secretaries of the Society of Authors and the Writers' Guild would put it. Why does Mr Bradley think, for instance, that the authors' organizations were driven to devise a minimum terms contract for their members?

Of course authors need publishers. Of course they want them, desperately, to be their friends as well as their employers because a constant, creative dialogue between author and editor-publisher is essential. Of course editors should obtain satisfaction from working with authors and seeing books put before the public in as near to perfect form *as realizable. But the publisher* truly has to believe that his partner in the enterprise is the author, and that the author must continually be consulted and given information about the progress of his manuscript from delivery of raw material to publication of polished artifact.

Publishers at any time have many books on their lists, any one of which – if it hits the jackpot – may keep them in caviare. the vast majority of authors at any time have only one. It is disingenuous of Mr Bradley to state that "no one is forced to sign a contract on terms they don't like". Every author in the country is, unless he is involved in every stage of the publishing process and stands to receive a proper percentage of the profits. The publisher may have put up his own or someone's capital. The author has provided his unique expertise, even genius.

E. J. Craddock

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And he read and read happily ever after

You may think I left it a bit late, and had I left it any later I'm not sure I would be here to tell the tale. The fact is, last month I broke the fact barrier.

It wasn't achieved in a trice. Sent round the country (twice) to promote books that I had written, I found that no one could ever think of anything for me to do in Aberdeen in the afternoon. And so I would end up like a truant in front of Screens 1, 2, and 3 of the Odeon or the ABC, one after the other.

Escapism hit me like the first gin after Lent. Afterwards, on to neon-and-mahogany bars to listen to gloomy stories and to earwig kindly ladies in tatty furs and high heels and tight skirts as they heard tales of woe from weary oilmen and doled out dozy comfort.

Then a couple of quick ones in the station (more boozy tales from beached sailormen) before putting my feet up in the first-class sleeper, with the baby stereo and brandy and the unfizzed Schweppes water they thoughtfully dispense. And with my latest discovery: a novel.

I don't mean serious novels (by which I mean old ones) and I don't mean Booker contenders, with the whiff of Gloomsbury gunshot hanging around them. I mean novels written by women between 1950 and 1977. That's my meat.

To dispense as best I may with their practical virtues: you can put them in your pocket; they are there when you need them; they run without electricity. The best of them are advised to you by dear friends; become friends seem to be about one's friends.

Their astonishing merit is one which in the past I have laughed at when anyone told me I would find it other than in Trollope, and have only expressed in a funny voice: they "take you out of yourself". If you're going out of your mind, that's what

BARRY FANTONI



'Are you spending all night with that thing, Neville, or are you coming to bed?"

you need most: and if nattering about oneself on the media (another funny-voice word) is the most exciting of occupations, it is also pretty discombobulating.

As some sort of journalist, I have spent ten years or so bundling up my prejudices and predilections in that outer coating of data, statistics, and information which alone advertised their charms to editors.

I had become a Gradgrind – the perfect slave of the age of numeracy. I have never taken much pleasure in Dickens, but have to subscribe to the sensible theory that *Hard Times* is his best, and its opening words ("Now, what I want is, Facts ... Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything else") are an accurate battle cry for the modern age.

And so it was to bed – either in that sleeper or at home – and to Barbara Pym or Olivia Manning. Nothing else seems serious enough, or enough of a cop-out.

Take to the boats

Have you heard the one about the tiny barge company (Murrell's) that spent £10,000 in court to ask if they could please take their boat (on which they had spent, and didn't want to waste, £25,000) down to Tilbury, load up, and go back to Sunbury, as generations of boatmen used to do until a decade or so ago?

The National Dock Labour Board (a cosy catch-all of unions, port authorities, and employers which latterly seems to benefit only the first) had said they couldn't. The court said they could. Now, some wildcat TGWU members are still saying they can't, and are blacking the firm.

TV and the press love the tale, but have so far missed the sweetest part. The TGWU can't win, and don't seem to know what to do for the best (they certainly didn't protest very loudly at their recalcitrants who wouldn't load the barge).

The trouble is, the barge is manned by TGWU men who, like their employers, would like their union to do something for those who want London's river to work, instead of turning the old blind eye to the inactivities of those who want to make it a lazy backwater.

Richard North

Why taxes must be cut

by Graham Mather

The Government has forgotten, if it ever really knew, why it regards cutting taxes as a high priority: an attack of forgetfulness capable of proving fatal to its entire medium-term financial strategy.

Before 1979, every Conservative knew why tax cuts were important. They were the means towards, and the desirable end of, sound economic policy – incentive to, and reward for, personal endeavour; encouragement of enterprise, thrift and initiative; stimulus to savings and investment and hence growth.

Evidence from other industrial economies showed that tax-cutting did result in higher economic growth, more productive investment, and improved productivity and competitiveness.

Conservatives understood why taxes have not been cut significantly so far. Supply-side policies clearly involved unacceptable risks, as budgetary deficits have demonstrated. Shifting to indirect taxation had worrying short-term inflationary consequences. Setting over-ambitious targets – 25p in the pound income-tax basic rate – could not itself exert sufficient leverage on spending ministers to pull their bids down.

Yet accommodation to these realities has left Treasury ministers unequipped with a convincing rationale of the central role of lower taxation to engender the economic growth which alone can provide for better social provision. They have in consequence lost the debate on levels of public spending; disappointed their business supporters, of whom 78 per cent recently surveyed put cutting taxes as a high priority; and left themselves with little bargaining power for next year's spending round. They have accepted John Biffen's approach to two year's "consolidation", *faute de mieux*.

Further powerful evidence that tax cuts work has now arrived in a World Bank staff working paper.

Its conclusion is based on the record, between 1970 and 1979, of 20 countries compared against each other and paired into high and low tax regimes. Sometimes the difference of tax revenue as a percentage of gross domestic product was sharp – Japan's 11 per cent against Sweden's 31 per cent; sometimes less so – Cameroon's 15 per cent against Liberia's 21 per cent; Britain (30 per cent) was examined against Spain (19 per cent). The results were consistent.

The average unweighted annual rate of growth of gdp was 7.3 per cent in the low tax group and 1.1 per cent in the high tax group. Every single member of the low tax category, including three in Africa, exceeded the economic growth of the most rapidly expanding economy in the high tax category.

Employment (outside agriculture) in low tax countries rose by an annual average of 5 per cent compared with a 0.1 per cent decline in high tax countries.

Gross domestic investment grew by 8.9 per cent a year in the low tax areas, but saw an annual 0.8 per cent decline in high tax ones. In all but one of the low tax nations examined, "higher rates of economic growth allowed an expansion of the tax base which generated increased revenues which financed more rapid expansion of expenditure on government services such as defence, health and education", the report states.

Of course, low tax countries tend to be developing from a lower economic base than our own. But the field test identified in the recent admirable lecture by Sir John Hoskyns, Mrs Thatcher's former policy adviser, is inescapable: economies like Britain's with public spending around 45 per cent of gdp must compete against newly industrialized countries at 25-30 per cent with low taxes, basic welfare provision in case of real need only, and unprivileged trades unions. "They have rapidly rising living standards and low unemployment. Democracy costs money and they will soon have more of it than we do", Sir John warned. How could Mrs Thatcher disagree?

If, prompted by the World Bank, she could remember why cutting taxes was so particularly important, not only would the struggle against protectionism and the need to continue to restructure British industry come more clearly into focus in British economic policy. But she could tell Norman Fowler just why it is that the public debate on the size, structure and future of state health and benefit provision needs to include the desirability of tax-cutting to generate growth. And she could tell the Confederation of British Industry, on good authority, that economic growth can be achieved through her present policies.

She could tell the 78 per cent of businessmen who said tax cuts were a high priority that she understands their message.

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David Hewson questions the attempts to impose impartiality

Balance, TV's eternal victim

Impartiality is television's greatest conundrum; the more words that are written about it, the more impenetrable the subject becomes.

Tomorrow, that veteran foe of America, John Pilger of the *Daily Mirror*, will return to the fray, this time in the cause of Nicaragua. His last programme, *The Truth Game*, brought about an intervention by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which demanded that its arguments about attitudes to nuclear war should be "balanced" by those of a journalist from the opposing end of the spectrum, Max Hastings.

No such demands were made about tomorrow's programme. Pilger, whose opinions about the IBA are blunt – "its principal purpose is censorship" – believes he is treading on safer ground when making programmes on foreign subjects.

"It was when it was at home and about nuclear war that they intervened. If Max Hastings had made a documentary on nuclear war do you think they would have insisted that John Pilger of the *Daily Mirror* should have been brought in to make a balancing programme?" he said.

Many people would find this attitude somewhat ungrateful. Since his TV debut in the 1960s, Pilger has regularly produced up to two highly personal doucmentaries a year. The style, like tomorrow's on Nicaragua, is that of the old campaigning *Mirror*: simplistic, blatantly partial, and skilfully manipulative towards the emotions of its audience.

"How impoverished, how helpless does a country have to be before is is no longer seen as a threat by the United States?" Pilger asks ingenuously after recounting the misdeeds of the American-backed Somoza regime, and the utopian ideals of its successors. It is an effective technique, if not a subtle one.

Viewed against the programme on Nicaragua produced by BBC's *Newsnight* this weekend, which was equally as critical of American policy but far less blinkered in its approach to the Sandinistas, Pilger's report looks naive and selective in its content. Whatever viewers think of it tomorrow night, there is no doubt that Pilger's misgivings are indicative of a restive mood among the broadcasting community on the question of impartiality.

The IBA's treatment of *The Truth Game*, and its attack on the series by Ken Loach on trade unionism, which it sent back to its makers with a demand for more balance, have sent the skeleton of censorship rattling in the cupboard of more than one television company.

This prompted David Glencross, the IBA's new director of television, to take the unusual step of setting out the authority's views in an article in *The Guardian* which elaborated at great length on the status quo.



Peasant children in a creche under a picture of General Augusto Sandini: a still from the programme on Nicaragua by John Pilger (above right) which ITV screens tomorrow night

If Glencross hoped that this would put an end to the argument, he has been disappointed. Few broadcasters would now argue with Pilger's assertion that the current rules on balance are incomprehensible to those meant to apply them. Pilger's programmes traditionally fell into the IBA's "personal view" category, which was introduced as a result of the Annan Report's recommendations for a new form of opinionated ITV documentary.

Those allowed the personal view category in the past have usually been of the left, though Auberon Waugh made a distinctly unsuccessful attempt to redress the balance. Indeed, one important failing of the principle of redressing balance through separate programmes is, as Jeremy Isaacs has noted, the unwillingness of right-wing programme makers to offer their wares.

If there is a consensus within broadcasting on the subject of impartiality, it is probably that the rules regarding balance should be relaxed for all current affairs programmes, except during general elections, and on the scheduled news broadcasts. A minority of opinion would like to see impartiality rules scrapped altogether, and points to the fact that the televising of Parliament would make nonsense of rules on fair treatment of all the parties concerned.

But is there not good reason to believe that television, as a medium, is chronically unsuited to the notion of impartiality althogether, except in the rigid form of editorial diktat? The idea of balance is one which came from newspapers. The press is well placed, if it so wishes, to carry contradictory articles, Press Council adjudications, or corrections of its recent contents.

Television is not watched by many people at the same time daily, on the same channel, in the way that they read the same newspaper. The practical problems of balancing, or correcting, a television news item are immense. While the Press Council may be much maligned, at least its adjudications are usually seen by those people who read the original reports which prompted them. The same cannot be said of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, which is still struggling to establish itself as the television equivalent.

Television current affairs, particularly of the sort epitomized by the Pilger programmes, are more concerned with image than content, and view emotions more favourably than the minutiae of detail. Documentary directors are not strangers to the theatricality of realism; it is no coincidence that one of Pilger's former collaborators went on to direct *Return of the Jedi*, since television, even in current affairs, is never far from show business.

In any case, the most popular, perhaps even the most influential part of television carries no mandated allegiance to editorial balance. No one demands, for instance, that the obvious anti-medical bias of the Channel 4 series *The Nation's Health* should be balanced by an ITV version of the all-caring doctors and nurses of BBC's *Angels* series.

If there can be a free-for-all in the marketplace of television drama, which makes up the most popular part of the broadcasting constituency, can a loosening of the reins on news and current affairs be long delayed?

Argentina's new foreign minister outlines his policies to Douglas Tweedale

The Falklands factor that won't go away

Buenos Aires

A political scientist who looks more like a university professor than a polished diplomat, Senor Dante Caputo was virtually unknown in Buenos Aires until he was named by President-elect Raul Alfonsin last week as Argentina's new foreign minister.

Although he will not take office until December 10 – when Sr Alfonsin is sworn in – Sr Caputo and a team of advisers are already formulating policy on such sensitive issues as the future of the Falklands and Argentina's simmering border dispute with Chile.

He said in an interview: "Argentine diplomacy will no longer be the make-up that hides the face of dictatorship. We will use all diplomatic means at our disposal to bring about negotiations to solve the Malvinas dispute. That is a priority."

But, although Sr Alfonsin's government may be more inclined to seek a peaceful solution than its predecessor, Argentina's basic negotiating position will remain the same.

"Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas is not negotiable," Sr Caputo said. "That is the starting point for any negotiation. Regardless of how quickly or slowly talks progress, or what concessions may be made on either side, at no moment will sovereignty be under discussion." Nor, he said, would Sr Alfonsin declare a formal end to hostilities for the time being.

Asked what concessions from Britain might alter this position, Sr Caputo said: "That is something I would rather not go into now." But commercial relations, still under the strain of restrictions imposed during the fighting, would be discussed only as part of the overall problem.

"We are committed to the peaceful settlement of disputes, but that does not mean that we will sit back and accept any attempt to consolidate the colonial situation on the islands."

Sr Caputo's strong stand on the Falkland issue, complemented by a similarly tough negotiating stand on the Beagle Channel dispute, which has brought Chile and Argentina to the brink of war twice in recent years, has surprised observers here who expected the Radical Party, firmly based in the middle class, to adopt a more compromising approach.

A senior Peronist thought the Radicals were afraid of offending the strong nationalist opinion on the two issues.

Sr Caputo said Argentina wants to accept a mediated solution of the Beagle Channel conflict proposed by the Pope, but only if it meets certain conditions. Chile has accepted the papal solution unconditionally.

The new government, he said, will treat the Falklands and Beagle Channel issues separately from the rest of "a strong, independent diplomacy" aimed at improving Argentina's international image. It would seek a special relationship with western Europe and a "mature and independent" relationship with Washington.

"We shall form a task force aimed at revitalizing the Contadora group's peace proposal for Central America, and we shall not hesitate to condemn interference by the United States in any Latin American country. We shall condemn Soviet intervention with equal force."

Sr Caputo said his government would promote respect for human rights in international bodies. "We must reflect abroad what we are calling for at home, and we have the moral right to do this."

(Under the military government which seized power in 1976, Argentina was virtually ostracised internationally for its violations of human rights. Sr Alfonsin made the investigation of those abuses and the trial of those responsible a principal promise of his campaign for the presidency).

Asked if he thought the US would lift its embargo on weapons sales to Argentina, Sr Caputo replied: "If they want to lift their embargo, they can go ahead and lift it, but buying weapons is not one of our priorities."

Robin Cook

White collars ripe for the wooing

Last week's proceedings of the CBI are perplexing to anyone raised in the robust convention of the Labour movement that the first duty of a trade union is to represent the interests of its members. Here we have a collective organization purporting to represent the interests of British industry meeting at a time when the fortunes of those industries have experienced a decline of truly historic proportions, and yet the nearest it can bring itself to calling on the Government to assist is to ask for "flexibility".

It is possible to say many things about the monetarist experiment of the past four years. It is certainly possible to maintain that the financial institutions have done well out of it. Indeed at one level monetarism is little more than a device for transferring resources from the industrial to the financial sector by means of record real interest rates and an overvalued exchange rate.

It is simply not possible to maintain with a straight face that monetarism has been good for industry. Four years after the experiment began manufacturing output is still a sixth below its starting point, a collapse without precedent in the records of output since the industrial revolution.

Imports of manufactured goods now exceed British exports of manufactured goods for the first time since the Tudors.

The puritan tradition that we achieve salvation through suffering still retains a potent appeal to British psychology, and in some quarters recital of the pain inflicted by monetarism appears merely to heighten confidence that it will deliver us into the promised land of high productivity and nil inflation.

The CBI has no excuse for sharing such misplaced faith. Barely a week before its conference it unveiled its most recent industrial survey which showed that both export orders and investment intentions had taken another dip. In the wake of such figures it is perhaps not surprising that the most vigorous speech denouncing "flexibility" (and presumably endorsing rigidity) came not from an industrialist but from a developer.

Nor can the CBI even plead guilty to neglecting the objective interests of its members, but enter in mitigation that it was defending their subjective perceptions. This will not wash thanks to the British Institute of Management which last month unveiled the results of its ORC survey of managers. One hundred per cent of the sample described the past two years as difficult to one degree of another: not one opted for the response that times had not been difficult.

Asked to identify the greatest barrier to export sales, the largest number plumped for the high exchange rate. Asked how government could best help industry, the second largest requested that it "inject more money into the economy". Far from lending support to the poses struck at the CBI conference, these results approximate much more closely to Labour's strategy for economic recovery.

They also chime in with the constituency experience of any MP with much industry left, as I know from a recent visit to the British factory of an American multinational, a contemporary edifice of tinted glass still surrounded by fields.

The factory produces medical goods for use in hospitals. The first preoccupation of production management is their anxiety about the cuts in public expenditure which are hitting their market. Unlike the CBI and the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, they do not see the rolling back of the public sector as an opportunity for expansion, but as another pressure for contraction.

Their second anxiety is the threat from cheap imports. The two topics are intimately related, because hospital procurement officers confronted with an arbitrary cut in their budget have no alternative but to buy the cheapest.

Frequently the cheapest will also be the least effective, lasting the shortest time, having the highest proportion of defective items, and in the occasional spectacular case proving to be contaminated. These however are secondary considerations to a procurement officer whose remit is to achieve an immediate cut in invoices.

The priorities of line management find no echo in the prejudices aired at the CBI, but they are neatly mirrored in Labour's policy objectives of using public expenditure to stimulate industrial output and to plan procurement to encourage import substitution rather than import penetration. Moreover, these are not the soberly suited men with homogenized accents from the finance departments. They are frequently men who come from the shop floor and remain in contact with it. They are one section of the upwardly mobile to whom Labour now addresses its message.

And there is one neglected but fascinating statistic which suggests they could be won. Among those manufacturing firms which have survived since 1979 there has been a big drop in the number declaring a donation to the Tory party. Of every five firms who made such a donation in 1979, two made no donation in 1982.

Although the chairman may still be allowed out to the CBI conference to indulge in a spot of loyalist rhetoric, back at the mill there are people with a shrewd appreciation of what has been done to them and who did it.

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Anne Sofer

Have they got you on an ist list?

We politicians, at a loss for a handy bit of invective to hurl at our opponents, are increasingly turning to the useful suffix "-ist".

It is amazingly versatile. For a start, it can be tacked on to the end of an ordinary political adjective to give it a flavour of something altogether more sinister and discreditable. Thus, "leftist" in the mouth of Mr Reagan recently, and "rightist" as it might come from, say, Mr Hattersley, do more than simply describe a position on the political map: we are led to believe that an insidious and fanatical tendency is at work.

Peter Tatchell, in his book *The Battle for Bermondsey*, which I have just finished reading, uses the words "Labourist" and "City-boss Labourism" as terms of abuse against his right-wing enemies. But my favourite epithet in this category is "workerist" – the word used by the Labour left to describe those middle-class comrades even further to the left who have deliberately assumed working-class accents and life styles. There must, I feel, be an equivalent at the other end of the political spectrum.

Another use of "-ist" is its attachment to the names of famous or infamous politicians to sum up a political philosophy and style. It seems that only communist or French leaders acquire this prestige (Stalinist, Maoist, Gaullist ...). Otherwise, political stars acquire only the slightly insulting "-ite", with its implication of groupie or camp-follower (Bennite, Thatcherite, McCarthyite ...). Most of our more distinguished politicians this century (and all our prime ministers except Mrs Thatcher) have completed their careers without either "-ists" or "-ites": did Lloyd George or Attlee or Macmillan need them?

I am as guilty as anyone else: checking back through recent articles I find I have used the terms "fantasist" and "purist" in ways meant to discredit ideas I dislike. But at least I have not gone further and used one of the even more poisonous suffixes. A "Trotskyist" may be bad enough but nothing like as threatening as a "Trotskyoid" – a term I encountered recently among left-wing non-Trotskyist socialists. ("-oid" has a great potential: what about "Thatcheroid" for John Selwyn Gummer and his ilk? Ilk, of course is a useful word too.)

But the greatest exploitation of "-ist" as a term of abuse lies in that great gold-mine of guilt-generation, social prejudice. Tack "–ist" on to the end of an emotive word (race, sex and so on) and you have produced a weapon that really gets under the ribs and hurts. Nobody can bear to be thought prejudiced.

Take, for instance, the great row we had at County Hall last week about the new appointments to the London Transport Board. What had happened was that Ken Livingstone, despite assurances last summer that any new appointments to the board would have the approval not only of the chairman but of all political parties on the council, had persuaded his own party (decidedly leftist, not to say confrontationoid) none the less to steam ahead and make two blatantly political appointments. That one of them was of a black 25-year-old female resulted in the Labour Party having a field day with our protests.

"Racist, sexist, agist" they chanted and screamed in reverberating crescendo. (And, of course, the fact that we objected even more strongly to the other appointment – of a white, middle-aged man – cut no ice at all.)

But the guilt-fired "isms" do not end there. Apart from "classism", (a useful phrase to describe almost any social attitude one does not approve of) there is "hetero-sexism", i.e. the biased attitudes heterosexuals have towards homosexuals. I have recently discovered that "heterosexism awareness classes" are available for those conscious of their own prejudices and seeking help in eradicating them.

Unfortunately, although all this is useful political ammunition, its effect on the wider community can be counter-productive. Although I now find "sexism" and "racism" tripping off the tongue quite easily, I know of others – long-standing fighters for racial and sexual equality of many years standing, and people who know full well the deep-seated nature of prejudice – who recoil from the language, the revivalist flavour, the message of "You may think you're saved, but you're not unless you come foward at one of our meetings and confess".

Besides, it can lead to appalling difficulties of definition. My local paper last week reported that the film specially chosen to launch Camden's "Anti-Racist Year" was halted amid fierce protests that far from being anti-racist it was deeply racist – and sexist to boot. Fierce fighting over its screening is reported to be continuing among various left-wing groups.

Almost any great idea can be trivialized and corrupted by letting politicians grab a monopoly of it, and I fear that what the suffragettes and civil rights campaigners started earlier this century (and what men and women in other countries are dying for) is running that risk here today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME TO HEAL

It is the power of symbolism in politics which is too often left out of rational calculations. The Falklands war was full of symbol. Here was an island people – British to the core – invaded by the forces of a Fascist dictatorship. A British Armada sailed from ports which had for centuries witnessed the Royal Navy slipping out on the tide to fight other unseen wars far from home. Against all expectations, certainly in Buenos Aires and most probably elsewhere in the world, these symbols enabled the idea of the operation to be sustained during weeks of diplomacy.

It was a triumph of collective imagination over the uncertainty of the result, and explained why the operation attracted such colossal and cumulative support which was evidence of the national will, though, in its undramatic quality, in vivid contrast to the scenes of hysteria which could be observed in Argentina. That there was something rotten about the state of Argentina, which lay at the heart of the Falklands invasion, was clear to all however much shouting and parading there was.

Symbols were important then, and they are important now in Argentina. A moment of history has arrived with the recent election result which we in Britain should not ignore. There is a danger that the British Government will show a tragic insensitivity if it does not recognize this moment and respond to it.

For the first time since the early 1930s Argentina's political system has a completeness about it based on the possibility of two political parties – the radicals and the Peronists – giving substance to an alternating system of government with civilian control over the military. Hitherto, at least since Peron's arrival in 1946, the choice has lain basically between Peronism and militarism.

The militarization of the Argentine political establishment is based on six coups since 1930 and has become more deeply rooted than ever since 1976. Consequently an entire political generation in Argentina has suffered from this contagion of the military in politics, from which no party leader has been immune with the exception of Señor Alfonsín himself. The new President has never held any kind of government post under Argentina's tainted system.

The very fact of Señor Alfonsín's election registers a statement by the Argentines which goes far beyond the statements he has made, or can yet make, himself. Yet even he has made it clear that the military will be put back in its place. Senior officers responsible for the dark past of Argentina's counter-terror will be arraigned; high spending of even the post-Falklands period will be reversed; inter-service rivalries will be dealt with.

These tasks will not be easy. Britain should welcome that they are being attempted at all. The Falklands invasion was a symptom of military misrule. It was a desperate attempt to bolster the army's waning prestige in the hope that a victory would excuse the past excesses in a general mood of patriotic euphoria. That longing for some palpable symbol of patriotism remains only just below the surface in Argentina, a society of immigrants without a common past. They have only been able to unite behind the rhetoric of the Malvinas crusade because they have been unable to capture anything more complete about their national unity.

If Britain could be certain that the Argentine system could be made "coup proof" we could be equally certain that, given patient diplomacy and open dealing, our differences with Argentina over the Falklands would never lead to another invasion, even if they could not be fully and finally resolved.

We cannot object to a civilian government laying a rival claim to territory to which we believe we have the better title, provided that claim is not pursued by military means. The whole essence of a conversation between governments which share respect for democratic procedures and for the rule of law is that they talk through their differences, easing those which are capable of compromise, and isolating those which are incapable of resolution, so that the residue does not need to become politically intolerable.

At the United Nations today there will be the annual call for negotiations to start between Argentina and the United Kingdom. The experience with the Junta in its pre-war and post-war phases showed that it was not capable of negotiation. However, that should not apply to a civilian administration under Señor Alfonsín whose legitimacy, and therefore freedom of manoeuvre, is much greater.

The Junta was incapable of declaring a cessation of hostilities. Señor Alfonsín has already avowed an intention to settle the dispute peacefully. As long as Argentina remained under military rule Britain has had no option but to carry on the planned defence of the Falkland Islands and the development of institutional government for Falklanders. Of course there is no guarantee that Argentina will remain "coup proof". The military in two or three years may have recovered its morale and its discipline. The Alfonsín government may be unpopular, given the enormous and painful tasks of reconstruction which face it. It is all the more important, therefore, that Britain shows that it is easier to talk to a civilian government about the Falkland Islands than it was or would be with a military one, so that never again can the Argentina military use the Falklands issue as an argument to legitimize its own claim to power and to discredit a civilian government through apparent lack of patriotism.

That is why Mrs Thatcher is wrong to object to the likely resumption of American arms sales to Argentina. She knows she can rely on Washington not to sell weapons which would gravely alter the balance of power round the Falklands, not least because the Junta has done all the major restocking it could since last year's defeat, with substantial arms deliveries from France, Israel and others. Señor Alfonsín will not wish to indulge the military in more expenditure than is necessary, but it is important for him to be reconciled with Washington, and, in view of the resumption of civilian control over the military, the ending of the American arms embargo would symbolize that reconciliation more effectively than anything else.

What should happen with the Falkland Islands themselves will be discussed in a later article on this page. It does not at this stage affect the immediate British response to the new atmosphere in Buenos Aires, other than in two ways.

First, as a gesture of goodwill to Argentina in recognition of the prospect of an imminent civilian takeover, the exclusion zone should be unilaterally reduced to coastal waters. That is a risk, but a small one indeed compared to the other risks which Britain has taken in the South Atlantic.

Secondly, once Señor Alfonsín is installed as President, Britain should invite him to send a representative of his administration to the Falklands to see for himself that the work of reconstruction and the plans for the new airfield do not comprise preparations for a huge South Atlantic base but, on the contrary, are necessary preconditions for an eventual and much desired reduction in British force levels certainly as long as Argentina fails to recognize a cessation of hostilities and even beyond that given the unpredictable state of recent Argentine history. Indeed the more Argentina's leaders can go to the Falklands the more likely they are to see that the issue itself should not be a central one in relations between our two countries. That kind of contact could also lead to more fruitful discussions about future developments in the Antarctic region as a whole.

At present Britain can do no more than welcome the arrival of civilian rule in Buenos Aires and take steps which should help to consolidate the new-found integrity of Argentine politics. With both Britain and Argentina that should not involve burying the past, but building on its lessons, freely recognized, in a spirit of reconciliation. That is the message Britain should give today to the United Nations, by announcing its readiness to discuss all differences with a democratically inspired Argentine government. Then both countries would start to discover what issues can yield to a spirit of reconciliation and which of the wounds of war will need still further time to heal.

THE MOSLEY FILE

Mr Brittan's decision to release 750 Home Office files on the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s, abandoning a previous 75-year embargo on publication, has a number of immediate results. All of them are beneficial. The disclosures may have brought painful recollections to a few ageing Blackshirts, but for the nation here is a gripping tale from an anxious decade.

The files give chapter and verse on those prominent individuals previously thought to be associated with Sir Oswald Mosley after he had completed his transition from Labour Party socialism to right-wing extremism. Here, too, is a detailed account of Mussolini's generosity to the BUF. At the zenith of its activity between 1934 and 1936 it was a British political party largely dependent on foreign funds, with some three-quarters of its income derived from Italy. What a pity that detailed MI5 files on the Communist Party in the same period are not open. Was there red gold from Moscow flowing alongside black gold from Rome?

It is cheering to discover how thoroughly the Security Service and the Special Branch had penetrated the BUF. Sir Oswald could scarcely clear his throat without a report reaching the Home Office. Sir Vernon Kell's M15 has, historically, a somewhat Blimpish reputation. Yet when it came to wiring the fascists for sound, the service was superb. If its successor of the 1980s is doing as well in monitoring extremist parties of both right and left, the defence of Parliamentary democracy is in good order. Was Sir Vernon's MI5 so accomplished at winkling out highly-placed people soft on Stalin? Hindsight suggests not. The cell of communists at Cambridge does not seem to have contained an observer from MI5; indeed, by 1940, the communists had penetrated MI5 itself. Anthony Blunt was on the service's payroll throughout World War Two.

For historians there are many bonuses. It is fascinating to find Hitler, while not slipping Reichsmarks to Mosley, sufficiently intrigued to send a spy in 1936 to find out what he was doing. Of special note to chroniclers of the 1930s are the Home Office assessments of the possibility of the BUF's attracting substantial financial backing inside Britain and growing into a serious political force. Whitehall never underestimated Mosley's rhetorical gifts, which were to be ranked with Lloyd George's and Maxton's, and in 1934 officials were seriously concerned that oratory and street brawling would be succeeded by mass movement.

The most important consequence of Mr Brittan's liberal attitude towards declassification of the Mosley papers is that the archive will help nail a time-honoured theory of conspiracy cherished by the Left. Had Conservative ministers really suppressed the files for fear of disclosing links between their forebears and Mosley, it would have been a scandal. Declassification has cleared the air. To the surprise of outsiders aware of Whitehall's past caution in revealing any M15 material at all, it was there last week in abundance. Names were named. Only five files for the period have ben retained, presumably on the acceptable grounds that they identify M15's informants at Mosley's court.

Mr Brittan should now complete the rout of the conspiracy theorists by publishing transcripts of Mosley's 16-hour interrogation by Lord Birkett in 1940 which led to his imprisonment under the Defence of the Realm Act. Once that is done, the Mosley episode will be seen in its true proportions – inherently nasty, after 1934 repellently anti-semitic, but quite limited in the ability of the fascists to penetrate the Establishment or inspire a mass following in the country.

Guarantees of scholarship

From Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones,

Sir, Your issue (Spectrum, November 11) contains an account of the scheme recommended by the Dover Committee, by means of which the University of Oxford proposes to give better opportunities to applicants for entry from state schools by abandoning the requirement that each candidate shall take an entrance examination. It is alleged that the examination has not proved a reliable means of predicting the candidates' success or failure. But the chief value and purpose of the examination has been to guarantee that schools, both state and private, maintained a certain academic standard.

American experience shows that as soon as such requirements are abolished, as they have been in the United States, where candidates must be judged by the results of a national testing agency, a gradual but marked decline in the quality of the intake and of the academic standard of the universities is likely to result.

Beyond all doubt, the result of admitting candidates without even this test has been a disastrous decline in many state and city universities, so that attempts are now being made slowly to restore the requirements that professors in their liberal enthusiasm had been eager to relax.

The new scheme at Oxford has been approved because members of the faculty feel guilty at the thought that entry has been easier for some people than for others, and wish to ensure that what they would call "social justice" would prevail. The same issue of *The Times* contains also a powerful article in which Professor Friedrich von Hayek shows how the term "social" has been misapplied, and how there can be no "social justice", but only justice between individual persons. The new system will harm individual persons and the country as a whole by diminishing the quality of the education that all entrants will receive.

Only by the pursuit of excellence can our finances or our studies prosper, and Oxford is living up to its name as the home of lost causes when it adopts this scheme a few months after the country as a whole has strongly reaffirmed its belief in the value of competition in the pursuit of excellence.

The new scheme is the work of honourable men and women, legislating for the world not as it is but as they would wish it to be, and eager to escape the guilty feeling of belonging to an elitist institution.

In doing so, they have committed a *trahison des clercs* which seems to me to make them far more guilty.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
HUGH LLOYD-JONES,
Regius Professor of Greek,
Christ Church, Oxford.
November 11.

New health board

From Lord Young of Dartington

Sir, Your report (November 7) that the Royal College of Nursing is pressing for the inclusion of the Chief Nursing Officer on the new Health Services Supervisory Board highlights one of the main weaknesses of the Griffiths proposals. It is surely risking yet another great disorganization in the NHS to introduce a managerial plan without the cooperation of the nurses, the doctors *or* the patients.

Mr Griffiths had soft words to say about the consumer interest in his report ("A very great deal of importance is attached to ensuring that the views of the community at all levels are taken into account in any decision."), but where in the organization of the supervisory board, or in any other part of the proposals, is there acceptance of the need for consumers to sit around the table with the others?

Yours faithfully,
YOUNG OF DARTINGTON,
Chairman,
College of Health,
18 Victoria Park Square, E2.
November 7.

Housing in Barnet

From Councillor John Perry

Sir, May I please put the record straight, at least as far as one matter is concerned in your report (October 29) of Mrs Thatcher's visit to a sheltered housing scheme in East Finchley.

As Chairman of Barnet Housing Committee I sought the support of Mrs Thatcher, the local MP, in gaining as large as possible a housing investment programme allocation from central Government for 1984-85. In support of this I pointed out that to date, i.e. with only seven months of the current financial year gone, Barnet's capital expenditure on housing was at such a level that if all other housing authorities were spending as efficiently, then the Government need have fewer worries about a capital underspending nationally.

To date, in the current financial year, Barnet has already spent over 85 per cent of its housing capital allocation for 1983-84.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PERRY, Chairman,
Housing Committee,
London Borough of Barnet,
Members' Room,
Town Hall, Hendon, NW4.
November 8.

Classical error

From Dr John Penman

Sir, You report (November 10) the Prince of Wales "read the funeral oration from *Pericles*".

From *Pericles, Prince of Tyre* by Thucydides, or *The History of the Peloponnesian War* by Shakespeare?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PENMAN,
Forest View, Upper Chute,
Andover, Hampshire.
November 11.

Political stability in Northern Ireland

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary

Sir, Apart from your cautiously optimistic leading article (November 7), the recent Thatcher-FitzGerald meeting passed without much notice in *The Times*. The general attitude seems to be that relations between the British and Irish governments are restored to their pre-Falklands friendliness, and that there will be no significant change in government policy towards Northern Ireland. Plainly a new initiative in this province is very low in the list of priorities of the present British Government.

From the vantage point of Belfast the situation looks very different. Although the violence has diminished in recent years, the economic decline which it helped generate has continued unabated. The overall unemployment rate has not fallen below 20 per cent for over a year; it is currently 21.5 per cent in the whole province and 40 per cent in the worst "black spot", the Catholic town of Strabane. Moreover, the manufacturing sector, on which the prosperity of the province was built, has declined from 177,000 people in 1970 to 95,000 in 1983.

To give the Northern Ireland Office its due, it has engaged (through its agencies) in expensive promotional drives in Great Britain, the US and West Germany. The reaction from the business community in each has been uniform: Northern Ireland cannot expect the fresh investment it so desperately needs until political stability is restored. (Indeed, in recent years there has been considerably more investment by British firms in the Irish Republic than in Northern Ireland.)

Political stability can only be restored through agreement between the representatives of the two main groups in the Community, such as Lord Whitelaw achieved – against all the conventional wisdom of the time – exactly 10 years ago. The most important fact about the power-sharing executive led by the late Brian Faulkner and Gerry Fitt between January and May 1974 was not that it failed – through circumstances outside its control – but that it happened at all. Since it did happen, no one can say that a similar arrangement could not be made in the future.

The present attitude among Ulster politicians on both sides is unpromising. Unionist leaders after Faulkner allowed themselves to be seduced by Mr Enoch Powell's rhetoric about the necessary permanence of the British connexion and since 1974 have made no serious effort to enter into dialogue with the representatives of the Catholic minority; while the SDLP, under John Hume, has looked towards Dublin rather than London for a solution – as witness the present new Ireland Forum. However, there is a new and important factor. The danger that with continuing economic decline young unemployed Catholics coming on the electoral register will support the Sinn Fein extremists rather than the SDLP is all too real and was too lightly dismissed in your leading article. (The analogy with the 1950s is unrealistic: the economic situation was far more favourable then.)

The next electoral test will be the European elections of 1984. If Sinn Fein can bridge the gap between the 13.4 per cent of the poll which it secured in the Westminster election last June and the 17.9 per cent of the SDLP the situation will be dangerous indeed. To-day's *Irish Times* (November 11) carries a report from its usually well-informed London correspondent of a recent private meeting of Conservative MPs which was warned by the Secretary of State, Mr Prior, that if Sinn Fein superseded the SDLP as the representatives of "a majority of the minority", then Northern Ireland could become ungovernable and he could foresee the whole of Ireland developing into "a Cuba off our west coast".

These fears might seem exaggerated, but they are closer to the realities of the situation than Mr Powell's ravings about plots between the Norther Ireland Office and the Dublin government, which no one takes seriously here. The government should make one more effort – perhaps through a round table conference of British and Northern Irish parties – to secure agreement between the representatives of the two main groups here as soon as possible. After the European elections might be too late.

Yours etc,
CORNELIUS O'LEARY,
Department of Political Science,
The Queen's University of Belfast,
Belfast.
November 11.

Lack of 'whingeing'

By Mr John Fowles

Sir, It was unfortunate that your leader writer (November 8) was apparently unable to attend the opening day of the CBI conference about which he wrote with such feeling and with such uncharacteristic inaccuracy.

If he had been present, he would have heard no "whingeing" – there was none. He would have heard a great deal of hard-headed realism about the state of the UK economy and the policies which both Government and industry needed to apply to put it right.

We tried to get across to Government the unpalatable but inescapable fact that lower inflation, which we applaud, will not by itself produce economic growth.

It was continually stressed from the platform that costs must be reduced, not only by Government action, but above all by positive and determined action by businessmen to improve the performance of their companies in every aspect.

The theme of the conference ("managing recovery") and the entire atmosphere at Glasgow was about self-help, not the begging bowl. If your leader writer had only managed to reach Glasgow by Tuesday midday he would have heard the president of the CBI exhorting members "to get off our butts, get on our bikes and improve our share of the world's markets."

A pity, too, that while applauding the success of the Youth Training Scheme, your writer failed to give any credit to British industry and the CBI for providing the essential training places. There was no "whingeing" from businessmen about the problems involved in creating these 400,000 places during a period of deep recession. They just got on with the job of dealing with these problems.

This is the real face of CBI and its members, not that portrayed in your leader.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FOWLES, Chairman,
CBI Southern Region,
10a Hart Street,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
November 9.

Gibraltar shipping

From Mr G. J. Bonwick

Sir, I have followed with interest the correspondence in your columns on Gibraltar shipping. Mr A. K. Canepa, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Gibraltar, (October 13), was ill-advised to place so much reliance for ship safety on classification societies which are, of course non-profit making commercial organizations.

It is important to appreciate that these societies are not concerned in any way with ship personnel or manning standards. Ship safety is the responsibility of the state whose flag a vessel flies and it cannot escape this by delegation. If a state cannot provide or guarantee the necessary administration, supervision and technical expertise, it should not get in the ship registration business.

I pointed out at a nautical meeting addressed by a former chief executive of Lloyd's Register of Shipping as recently as October 6 that it is by no means unknown, maybe not even uncommon, for vessels in an appalling condition of structural disrepair but with all her statutory certificates in order to founder with all hands soon after "inspection" by a surveyor. This, in my view, is a matter to which immediate attention should be given by all concerned, or supposed to be concerned, with seafarers' lives.

Mr Slater, of the national Union of Seamen (October 25) is aggrieved that shipowners from Northern Europe have transferred ships to *Gibraltar registry*. He should understand, however, that in some cases the only alternative to "flagging out" was selling out with consequent loss of some jobs. A UK company of which I am a shareholder has transferred small ships to Gibraltar and I understand saved around *£200 per ship per day* by so doing. Without that saving I know it could not have retained the ships in service.

The ships now have smaller crews than when on the UK register but, I am satisfied, are no less safe or efficient. If Mr Slater has any ideas on overcoming lack of competitiveness due solely to overmanning, as in this case, he should advance them publicly.

Yours faithfullly,
G. J. BONWICK,
17 Chestnut Avenue,
Wokingham,
Berkshire.
October 25.

Earthquake danger

From Dr Robert Muir Wood

Sir, Your correspondent at the British Association meeting in August reported (August 25) my talk in which I drew attention to the earthquake fault zone that passes up through the Rhineland and Belgium into Kent.

The earthquake last night in Liege (report, November 9) is a sharp reminder of the potential hazard that this zone poses for centres of industry and population that lie along it.

For although the event was of moderate Richter magnitude, the damage caused was substantial and fatalities resulted.

Your leader of August 27 made light of earthquakes here, but only a few hundred miles away the people of Liege are taking them very seriously indeed.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MUIR WOOD,
Principia Mechanica Ltd,
Newton House,
50 Vineyard Path,
East Sheen, SW14.
November 8.

Church and remarriage

From Mr George G. Brown

Sir, Maintenance is an indivisible part of the marriage vow: "With this ring I thee wed . . . and with all my wordly goods I thee endow", and a vow of mutual support is included in the Alternative Service Book.

The Bill proposes to remove the Aim governing the provision of maintenance, that is it proposes to remove upon divorce the aim of placing the parties in the financial position they would have been in, if the marriage had not broken down, as far as it is practicable. The Bill states no aim of any sort.

This change in the law of maintenance inevitably alters the concept of marriage, it alters both maintenance and marriage from a contract for life into a contract terminable at will. Since I believe that marriage is the basis of society, I believe that an important principle is endangered.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE G. BROWN,
2 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.
November 11.

'Unfair' role of Mr Speaker

From Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, MP For Tiverton (Conservative)

Sir, It was necessary for Mr Russell Johnston (feature, November 10) to remind us that he had been a Member of Parliament for (is it?) 19 years, since that is far from obvious from his complaint in your columns.

For a considerable period of those years, Mr Johnston should have noticed that National Liberal MPs, because they were in an electoral alliance with the Conservatives (like the Liberals with the SDP), were treated by the Speaker as if they belonged to the same party, for purposes of "catching his eye". This was despite the fact that (like the Liberal and SDP) they had a separate political organisation, and separate party conference.

Nor was it only the Speaker who followed this entirely reasonable practice. The BBC never had a National Liberal MP as well as a Conservative MP on a programme. In all those years, I never heard Mr Johnston rise to protest against the iniquity of such a course, nor did your columns reverberate to the strains of his indignation. It is apparently only "unfair" when it affects his own party. The House is well used to that sort of selective indignation.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN MAXWELL-HYSLOP,
House of Commons.
November 10.

The peace movement

From Mr Anthony Massey

Sir, For *The Times* to comment that the Greenham Common demonstrators are Mr Heseltine's "most reliable allies in the battle for middle opinion" (leader, November 3) does not suggest a low standard of journalism.

But for Miss Sarah Haskins (November 11) to imply that because the demonstrators are women, therefore all the women in the country agree with them, does suggest a low standard of logic.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY MASSEY,
20 Orchard Rise,
Groombridge,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.
November 11.

Above their station

From Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison

Sir, Well over 20,000 Cornishmen will want to know the reason why British Rail have chosen their county in which to perpetrate an act of quite exceptional stupidity. Without warning or consultation Bodmin Road station has had its name arbitrarily changed to Bodmin Parkway.

The reason, it appears, is that people will then know they can park there. They might as well change Paddington station to London Clampway.

Overnight dazzling, and presumably expensive, new signs went up last weekend, but it will be at least a year before all the timetables are changed, let alone the writing paper of the local residents, the station's main users.

May I appeal to British Rail to repaint all the signs in Bodmin Road's proper name?

The money saved by not having to make further changes to publicity material etc could perhaps be spent in upgrading the public lavatories at the station, which are still not suitable for disabled people.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HANBURY-TENISON,
Maidenwell,
Cardinham,
Bodmin,
Cornwall.
November 7.

Rate for the job

From Mr I. R. Cartwright

Sir, The Chairman of the Audit Commission (November 7) has perhaps said more than he should in admitting that salaries for private-sector auditors are higher than local government salaries for comparable posts.

Not only auditors are affected; within the last few months your own columns have carried advertisements for solicitors to head the legal departments of two (apparently medium-sized) development companies at salaries in the £35,000 - £45,000 range. By contrast, the post of City Solicitor of Birmingham (the biggest district authority in England was recently advertised in the £24,000 - £25,000 range.

Most senior local government officers would welcome the disciplines and salaries of the private sector. But perhaps one may be forgiven for wondering how privatisation of professional services and increased Government control (*pace* the Audit Commission) are expected to achieve savings.

Yours faithfully,
IAN R. CARTWRIGHT,
Honorary Secretary,
Association of Local Government Lawyers,
23 Grange Drive,
Emley,
Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire.
November 7.

Dressing down

From Captain J. H. B. Allan, RM (Retd)

Sir, It is with diffidence that I take issue with a former shipmate of such eminence as Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin (November 8), but I must ask whether Lord Mountbatten would have appeared in public wearing binoculars, aiguillettes, the Garter star etc, without any form of headdress?

Yours etc,
JAMES ALLAN,
Sunraker,
Church Road,
Colaton Raleigh,
Devon.
November 8

Religious education

From Mr Peter Barker

Sir, Your article on Monday (October 31) about the refusal of the Department of Education and Science and the ILEA to support a voluntary aided school in north London makes one wonder about an unholy alliance of the left and the right to end the dual system in education.

De La Salle College has had approval for its teacher-training courses withdrawn. In reply to protest Sir Keith Joseph has refused to recognize the right of different faiths to a certain percentage of places in teacher education. It would seem that this principle is now being extended to schools.

The reported reasons given by the DES for non-approval of the Orthodox Jewish school largely ignore the reason for the application, that is, its religious status. Falling rolls and financial cutbacks are used as reasons.

The real issue involved is the right of parents to choose the type of education they wish their children to have. Those of us who care about religious education marvel at the apparent unanimity of the minister in charge of schools and the ILEA.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. BARKER,
Librarian, De La Salle College,
Hopwood Hall,
Middleton, Manchester.
November 3.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Prince Andrew and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

November 13: The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, and The Prince Andrew laid Wreaths at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

A Wreath was laid on behalf of The Duke of Edinburgh by Major the Hon Andrew Wigram.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was present during the Ceremony.

Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Prince and Princess of Wales were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West were in attendance.

November 13: The Princess of Wales was present this morning during the Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

A Wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of The Prince and Princess of Wales by Major David Bromhead.

His Royal Highness, Colonel Welsh Guards, this afternoon attended a Remembrance Day Service at the Guards Chapel and afterwards laid a Wreath at the Guards Memorial, Horse Guards.

Captain Simon Stephenson was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain the Hon Jeremy Stopford were in attendance.

November 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning during the Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston was in attendance.

A wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Her Majesty by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a Service at the City Temple to mark the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the rebuilding of the Church.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall this evening.

November 13: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this morning during the Ceremony at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Lawn Tennis Association's National Training Centre at Bisham Abbey, Berkshire.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

November 13: The Duke of Kent laid a wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day. The Duchess of Kent was present during the ceremony.

Captain John Stewart was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 13: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Vienna.

The Prince of Wales is 35 today.

King Hussein of Jordan is 48 today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Gilpin will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, at 11.30am tomorrow.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Beverly Nichols will be held at the actor's church, St Paul's, Covent Garden WC2, at noon on Wednesday, November 16.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Peter Arne will be held at St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2, at noon on Thursday, December 8, 1983.



Minds concentrated for the finals of the British Hexagonal Chess Championship in London yesterday. The winner was Simon Triggs, aged 20 (second from left). Hexagonal chess has similar tactics to the square-board game but widens the choice of movement from its hexagon spaces and has a three-colour system (Photograph: John Voos).

Lead needed by church on remarriage

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England's grumpy and grudging acceptance of the remarriage of divorced people provides the worst possible climate for the introduction, due in only a few months, of a most important pastoral instrument.

It has, now the General Synod has revised it, a system for regulating remarriage that is full of beneficial potential for *the church and for society*. The success or failure of it depends on whether the climate in the church can change quickly enough and far enough to make a virtue of what has been done.

If it continues to be treated as a reluctant concession or unhappy compromise society in general is certain to see the Church of England as weak and pathetic, unable to stand up for the principles that divorce is forbidden by the Gospel, yet miserly in its treatment of those cases it disapprovingly allows. There is another possibility: that the church has an opportunity to teach what Christian marriage *really* is, and to take a warm message of health and healing to those who have suffered *the dire misfortune of* matrimonial breakdown.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, spoke of making the best of a bad job; and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, pleaded that expectations aroused should not be let down. Neither were *examples of forceful leadership* into a new future. Their tone was hardly likely to reassure the opposition, or to build the church's self-confidence.

The only way the bulk of Anglican opinion is ever likely to welcome the new system would be if it were sold as a positively good thing, a chance to minister to a section of the population, very much in need of spiritual succour, which has so far been unreachable. Then the good would outweigh whatever bad there is in it, and even enthusiasm becomes possible.

Applicants for the new system could be positively encouraged, the clergy could take delight in each new case, and could revel in the opportunity it gave for intimate human contact with people looking for guidance. The Church of England is about to come face to face with all the pains and pleasures of contemporary love, sex, and marriage, *with a remarkable opportunity* to inject into it some deeper spiritual significance.

One immediate requirement is that bishops should lead their clergy towards greater expertise in matters of human sexual relationship. They could do worse than to recommend to *them as Lenten reading next* spring Dr Jack Dominian's corpus of writings on Christian marriage and marriage breakdown. It will not be enough just to know how to fill in a form.

Apart from this general lack of leadership so far, the church must find some better approach to those numerous Anglicans of various persuasions who have not been brought this far, and view the new procedures with *apprehension and antipathy*.

Dr Dominian himself, who is so much admired in Anglican circles, believes the Roman nullity system points to important truths. His own work has influenced that system enormously, though it is by no means a complete answer, as the Roman Catholic Church is painfully discovering.

If this body of expertise were taken on board by the Church of England, it would find its understanding of marriage breakdown expanded by the knowledge that the origins of final catastrophe usually lie far back in time, and that many of the features of human behaviour at separation and divorce are the product of the release of destructive forces which are by then well out of control.

It means little to make moral judgments about how well (or badly) the two individuals coped with those forces, for the marriage was already looking for submerged rocks on which to founder. Such an insight as *that would change very* considerably how clergymen handled that part of the procedure which requires them to investigate the past marriage and the circumstances of its ending. Otherwise they will be mistaking symptoms for causes.

The real meaning of the new *procedures* in the church's armoury of pastoral weapons is the deep comfort, reassurance, solace, and liberation from the past that it can bring. It is not far fetched to suppose that those who go through the process will feel profoundly grateful that it was available to them, and even for the Anglican processes to become sought-after, and those who go through them to be envied. But if that is to happen, there would have first to be a radical change of tone within the church.

Science report

Garden ponds help frogs

By Hugh Clayton

An official investigation of reptiles and other wild animals in Britain suggests that garden ponds are good for the national survival of frogs. It says that many good frog haunts in the countryside were destroyed by the suburban sprawl of the 1960s. But the fashion for laying garden ponds, which grew in the 1970s has given the frog new homes.

"In many areas the frog is now more numerous in suburbia than in habitats", the investigators say in one of a new series of reports about conservation from the Nature Conservancy Council, the wildlife quango.

The compilers hope that some owners of gardens will be able to repeat for scarce newts the favour they have done for frogs. But they do not expect householders to use their gardens to rescue wild snakes from the effects of building and agricultural improve*ments*.

The report believes the official protection now in the countyside to the exstremely rare smooth snake may have to be extented to its more common cousins, the grass snake and adder. The adder is the only poisonous reptile found wild in Britain.

Our native snakes and lizards are in every way much less spectacular than their better know relatives in warmer climates. More British people have probably seen rattlesnakes on western films than have ever glimpsed a native snake in the countryside.

The report from the council is an updating of knowledge about our wild snakes, lizards, frogs, toads and newts. Their happiest time was in the 1930s, when a recession in farms coincided with summers. Suburban sprawl began to take its toll after 1945.

In the 1960s, the council's report says, frogs and toads suffered "major declines of habitat, especially in suburban areas in England".

The council concludes with the help of 143 replies to its questionnaire that the warty newt is in trouble. The beast is the largest of Britian's three native newt's which look like *small* swimming *lizards*. It rolls its eggs in leaves and eats tadpoles and insects. It is the *scarcest British newt, and its* population is falling faster than those of its smaller cousins.

The council is to declare some of its best spots for breeding officials sites of special scientific interest. "The setting up of new colonies should also be considered, utilizing large fishless garden ponds, gravel pits and other suitable sites", it adds.

Newts are not reptiles, but snakes and lizards are." Retiles are now in the same predicament as *the frog in* the 1960s", the council says." with suitable habitat gradually being eroded without any other really significant compensating effect."

Commoner Amphibians and Reptiles in Britain (Nature Conservancy Council, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. K. Burnett and Mrs V. M. Walker

The engagement is announced between Robert Kenneth, younger son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, of Seale, Surrey, and Valerie Mary, eldest daughter of the late Colonel C. N. Lane and of Mrs M. Lane, *of Heswall Hills*, Cheshire.

Mr S. O. Green-Wilkinson and Miss C. S. Bullard

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs *J. C. C. Green-Wilkinson*, of West Ilsley, Berkshire, and Caroline, eldest daughter of the late Mr W. J. Bullard and Mrs S. Bullard, of Cobham, Surrey.

Marriages

Viscount Boringdon and Miss C. McVicar

The marriage took place at Chelsea Old Church on Saturday of *Viscount Boringdon, son of the Earl* and Countess of Morley, of Pound House, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, and Miss Carolyn McVicar, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald McVicar, of Meols, Wirral, Cheshire. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory-coloured silk taffeta trimmed with lace and a three-tier silk tulle veil edged with pearls and held in place by a headdress of flowers. She carried a bouquet of roses, freesias and stephanotis. Celia and Penelope Cooke-Hurle, Emma Molesworth-St Aubyn and Sophie Stanford-Tuck attended her. Captain Jolyon Jackson was best man.

A reception was held at Searcy's and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M. H. Cave and Mrs D. L. Bedford

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Petworth, between Mr Michael Cave and Mrs Diana Bedford.

Mr T. N. Clarke and Miss I. Gillespie

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 12, 1983, at the Parish Church of St Peter and St *Paul, Blandford, Dorset, of Mr* Thomas Nigel Clarke, second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Clarke, of Gatcombe Court, Flax Bourton, Bristol, and Miss Isobel Gillespie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Gillespie, of Littleton House West, Blandford St Mary, Dorset. The Rev Andrew Babington officiated. Mr Robert Nuttall was best man.

Mr J. W. Furness and Miss G. P. Booth

The marriage took place on Saturday, 5 November, *1983* in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, of Mr John Wilson Furness, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Furness, Knowle House, Kirby Knowle, North Yorkshire, and Miss Grania Booth, eldest daughter of Mr John B. Booth, Darver Castle, Dundalk, *co Louth*, and of Mrs Thomas Long, Nartinstown House, The Curragh, co Kildare. The Most Rev Donald Caird, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Smith.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rose Aylmer, Juliette and Fenella Guthrie, Victoria MacDermott, and Isabel Neyra. Mr Frank Nicholson was best man.

A reception was held at Martinstown and the honeymoon is being *spent in Morocco*.

Mr A. Smith-Bingham and Miss L. Powell

The marriage took place on November 12 in Whangarei, New Zealand, of Mr Andrew Smoth-Bingham and Miss Leonie Powell.

Birthdays today

Mr Aaron Copland, 83; Mr Quentin Crewe, 57; Mr Eric Crozier, 69; Dame Elisabeth Frink, 53; Mgr G. A. Hay, 53; Mr Harold Larwood, 79; *Sir Joseph Lockwood*, 79; Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 76; Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, 79; Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP, 56; Sir Dudley Smith, MP, 57.

Memorial service

Mr G. R. F. Bredin

A memorial service for Mr George Richard Frederick Bredin was held in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday. The Rev Dr J. E. Platt officiated. Mr Hugh Bredin (son) *read the lesson and Mr Godfrey* Bond, Senior Fellow of Pembroke College, gave an address. Pembroke was represented by the Master and Fellows and Oriel College by the Vice Provost and Mr K. C. Turpin. Among others present were:

Mrs Bredin (widow), Mrs Peter Pirow (daughter), Mrs Hugh Bredin (daughter-in-law), Miss Lucinda Bredin (granddaughter), Mrs R Johnson (sister), Mr John Hawkins-Jenna, Mr and Mrs Jim Cooper, Dr and Mrs John Webb, Mrs M Maybee, Mr Nicholas Maybee, Mr Roger Barnett, Mr and Mrs D Nixon, Dr Peter Cooper, Miss Olive Cooper, Miss Winnie Cooper, Mrs W Winter, Mr and Mrs W Edmondson, Colonel the Rev H and Mrs Tinney, Mr John Woods, Mr M Mixon, Mr Rudolf Webb, Miss Katrina Webb, Dr and Mrs Guy Whittaker, Miss B McAsee, Miss A Mowle, Miss J Pegnall.

The Hon Kenneth Lamb (Church Commissioners), Sir John and Lady Thomson, Sir Edgar Williams (Estates Committee, Oxford University,) and Lady Williams (Cassan Trust), General Sir Charles Richardson (representing the Royal Engineers and Gordon Boys' School) and Lady Richardson, Sir George Sinclair (representing the governing body of Abingdon School), Sir James Cobban.

Sir Gawain and Lady Bell, Professor Sir Robert and Lady Macintosh, Lady Lindsay, Lady Robertson, Sayed Ibrahim Nour (Sudanese Embassy), the Archdeacon of Berkshire (representing the Bishop and diocese of Oxford), the Ven C Witton-Davies (Sudan Church Association), Mr Edward Firth, Pipe Major David Ashhurst, Mr J Lobb, Mr F R Goodenough (Barclays Bank), Mr Lionel Pike (Pembroke College Society), Mr W G Potter (Abingdon School Association), Mr John Thomson (Sudan Great Britain Pensioners' Association), Mr R T M Innes (Macleod-Innes), Mr John Tasker (Lloyds Bank International), Mr H Milnes (Old Gordon Boys' Association), Mrs M Rosenthal (Boar's Hill Association), Mrs E M McCallum (Dorset House), Miss D M Lavin (Trevelyan College, Durham, and Durham Sudan Archives), Mrs D Stevens (Oxford Preservation Trust), the Warden of Queen Elizabeth House, Dr J Hatton (Exeter College), Mr Charles Stuart (Christ Church), Mr F J Langport (Worcester College), Mr A H M Kirk-Greene (St Antony's College), Judge Patrick Medd, QC, Major-General R Whitworth, Air Commodore J D Mellor, Lieutenant-Colonel E C Sawyer, Professor Oliver Gurney, Professor and Mrs M K Sykes and Professor B Gray.

Luncheon

Cable Television Association of Great Britain and National Television Rental Association

The councils of the Cable Television Association of *Great Britain and the* National Television Rental Association held a luncheon on Friday, November 11, in HMS Belfast in honour of Rear-Admiral Colin Dunlop, retiring director general of the associations. Sir Patrick Nairne *presided and Sir Fitzroy Maclean*, Bt, proposed the health of the guests.

Service dinner

No 28 (AC) Squadron RFC *and RAF "Old Boys" Association*

Squadron Leader R. J. Sharp was the guest of honour at a reunion dinner of No 28 (AC) Squadron RFC and RAF "Old Boys" Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Group Captain D. J. Green, association president, was in the chair.

Parliament this week

Commons. Today (2.30): Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, second reading.
Tomorrow (2.30): Coal Industry Bill, second reading.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on home improvement grants. Motions relating to milk regulations.
Thursday (2.30): Debate on the army.
Friday (9.30): Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, second reading.
Lords. Today (2.30): British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill and Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill, second readings. Debates on EEC committee reports on polluter pays principle and on European monetary system.
Tomorrow (2.15): Debate on need to reduce violent crime.
Wednesday (2.15): Debates on Cyprus; on unemployment; and on taxation of artists.
Thursday (3): Roads (Scotland) Bill and Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill, second readings.
Select committees. Wednesday, EEC subcommittee D (Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs). Evidence from Ministry of Agriculture on proposed tax on oils and fats (10.30).
EEC subcommittee C (Education, Employment and Social Affairs). Evidence from the MSC and Department of Education on vocational training policies for young people (11).
Thursday: EEC subcommittee F (Energy, Transport, Technology and Research). Evidence on social regulations for road transport (11).
Science and Technology subcommittee II (Occupational health). Evidence from Professor A. L. Fox, City University; Dr A. Seaton; Professor R.S.F Schilling (3.15).

Progress of legislation

Commons. Nov 7: Police and Criminal Evidence Bill read a second time by 339 votes to 188. Nov 8: Trade Union Bill read a second time by 362 votes to 189. Private Tenants' Rights Bill read a first time. Nov 9: Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill and Occupational Pensions Schemes Bill both read a first time. Oil Taxation Bill read a second time and passed its remaining stages. Nov 11: Video Recordings Bill read a second time.
Lords. Nov 8: Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill read the third time. Occupiers' Liability Bill and Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill passed their report stages. Agricultural Holdings Bill read a second time. Nov 10: Somerset House Bill and Oil Taxation Bill both read a first time. Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill read a second time.

Downside School

The annual London dinner of St Gregory's Society will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1 on Friday, December 9, 1983, 7.15pm for 8.15pm. Tickets are obtainable from Dom Cuthbert McCann, Downside Abbey, at £16.50, including table wine (£10 for young members not yet earning).

Appointments in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY
REAR ADMIRAL: J J Black, Asst Chief of Naval Staff (Operational Requirements), May 1984.
CAPTAINS: K J Eaton, for duty inside MOD(PE) with SPD, Nov 15; J A C Knight, for duty inside MOD (PE) (ASWE) with Director Weapon Systems Design, Nov 7; G F Laslett, for duty inside MOD as DES (N), Feb 6; D R Sherval, for duty inside MOD as DNLP, April 3; R P Warwick, DNVAD(O) addl for MTC and CODC, March 6.
COMMANDERS: R E Crawford, for duty with Gen Manager HM Dkyd Devonport as Ship Controller SCEPTRE, Jan 31; H A E Powlett, NATO HQ Brussels on international Staff with Project 27 April 3; R G J Ward, ARK ROYAL as WEO on Comming, April 10.
ROYAL MARINES
LIEUTENAT-COLONEL: C H C Hewitt, COS HQ Cdo Forces RM, May 8.
MAJOR: J D L Holdaway, for FOF3 on staff of COMAW, Jan 9.
WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE
CHIEF OFFICER: J H Grieve, for duty inside MOD with DGNMT (DNMT(W)), Nov 7; J J Milne, for duty inside MOD with DGNMT (DNMP), Nov 7.
RETIREMENTS
ROYAL NAVY
ADMIRAL: Sir Anthony Morton, Jan 28.
CAPTAINS: C S Argles, Jan 7; M J F Rawlinson, Jan 7; H W Young, Jan 7.
The Army
MAJOR-GENERALS: R C Keightley, Comdt Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Nov 18; B P McGuinness, GOC Western District, Nov 16; Sir David Thorne Comd 1 Armoured Division, Nov 17; C J Waters, Comd 4 Armoured Division, Nov 21; P M Welsh, President Regular Commissions Board, Nov 14.
BRIGADIERS: A N Carlier, HQ 11 Engr Gp as Comd, Nov 16; J M Jones, HQ NE District as D Comd, Nov 16; G P R Ransley, 3 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt as Comd Arty, Nov 16.
COLONELS: A J Bateman, MOD as Col, Nov 18; A I Booth, PAH Wroughton as GSO in Anaesth, Nov 14; H J Hickman, HQ BAOR as Comd Labour Resources, Nov 17; J D Macdonald, 3 Armd Div as DCOS, Nov 17; N Moss, MOD as Col, Nov 18; J S Symons, HQ LANDSOUTHEAST (BAE) as Chief Org & Trg Bn Ops Div, Nov 20; D B W Webb-Carter, HQ 1 (BR) Corps as ACOS, Nov 14.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J H Clarke RA, HQ BF Belize as Comd Force Trg Belize, Nov 15; D F Clements RE, 74 Engr Regt (V) as CO, Nov 18; J Bolton-Clark RA, Bde Appts DRA as SO1 UK STANOC, Nov 18; W J Dawson 7 GR, 2/7 GR as CO, Nov 16; R E Johnson QARANC, BMH Hongkong as Matron, Nov 21; J A R Lungwill RAMC, BMH Fl as CO, Nov 18; D H Roberts REME, BAAT Nigeria as SO1 DS Instr, Nov 18; B J Willing R Hamps, 6 UDR as CO, Nov 17.
Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: A C Curry, HQ 1 Group (Upavon) for staff duties, Nov 18; J A Cheshire, RAF Lyneham as Stn Cdr, Nov 18; G A Smart, HQ1 Group (Upavon) for staff duties, Nov 18; K C Raynes, HQ 1 Group (Upavon) for staff duties, Nov 18; R C Parker, HQ 1 Group (Upavon) for staff duties, Nov 18.
WING COMMANDER (Acting Rank of Group Captain): N Bonner MOD (Air Force Dept) for staff duties, Nov 18.
WING COMMANDERS: J Ingram, 1 FTS RAF Linton-on-Ouse as OC Flg Wing, Nov 14; M J Travis, Wg Cdr LSD SOC Hendon, Nov 14; B D Johnson, SHAS (RAF) MOD London, Nov 14; C A Burghose SHAPE for staff duties, Nov 14.
SQUADRON LEADER (Acting Rank of Wing Commander): G S Newman, RAF North Luffenham as OC Midland Radar, Nov 14; P Bradley, MOD AFD as ONS2, Nov 18.

OBITUARY

MR TOM HERON

Founder of Cresta Silks

Mr Tom Heron, who died on November 11 at the age of 93, was the founder of Cresta Silks, the Welwyn Garden City firm whose textile designs made a considerable impact on the aesthetics of fashion for a period of ten years before the Second World War, and after an interim wartime period during which Heron worked at the Board of Trade, for several years after 1945.

Tom Heron was born in Bradford in *1890 and* had established himself as a blouse manufacturer in Leeds before the *First World War*. An early socialist, he was a regular debater at Fabian summer schools in this era and with G. D. H. Cole was one of the founder members of the Guild Socialist League. His own firm was run on liberal principles which were in stark contrast to those of the sweated labour then common *in the garment* trade.

At this period he became acquainted with many of the painters who worked in Leeds during the First World War, including Paul Nash, Stanley Spencer, C. R. W. Nevinson, Harold Gilman, Spencer Gore and Charles Ginner.

His Guild Socialism led him to a connexion with Social Credit and later the Economic Reform Club. But though a *conscientious objector* in both world wars his connexions were not all of the Left. His addressing Archbishop Temple's Malvern Conference in 1941 led him to friendship with T. S. Eliot and an asociation with the circle gathered about the quarterly, *Christendom*.

In 1925 Heron left his textile firm in Leeds to take over direction of a textile enterprise in Newlyn, Cornwall. Crysede Silks as this was known subsequently moved to the Island at St Ives where in four years it expanded from four shops in West Cornwall to twenty outlets all over the country.

A disagreement with his partner, Alec Walker, whose designs had been the creative inspiration behind Crysede's output, decided Heron to sever his links with Crysede but Heron moved to Welwyn Garden City where he established Cresta Silks in 1929.

Heron's flair initiated ten years of remarkable creative as well as commercial *effort* from his firm in Welwyn, ten years in which he managed to harness the talents *of major* designers beginning with the architect Wells Coates who designed the Welwyn *factory* as well as the innovative Cresta shops which from 1929 appeared in London, Brighton, Bournemouth and elsewhere.

Cresta stationery, as well as the *striking* dress boxes in which Cresta goods were dispatched, were the province of E. McKnight Kauffer, while for his textile designs Heron went to Paul Nash and Cedric Morris. Heron's eldest son Patrick also designed for Cresta from *the* age of 14.

During the Second World War Tom Heron's *conscientious* objection ruled him out as Director General of Civilian Clothing at the Board of Trade, a possibility which had at one time been mooted. However he advised the Board on women's and children's clothing and was active in the early days of the Utility Clothing Scheme, inviting designers such as Hardy Amies to design a utility range of clothing for a wartime population.

After the war Heron returned to Cresta where in the postwar period much of the textile design was done by his son, the painter, Patrick Heron.

Heron sold out his firm to new owners in the early 1950s and retired, though he did occasionally versify. *Call it A Day* a volume of poems which appeared in 1978, being decorated by line drawings by Patrick Heron.

MR EDGAR GRAHAM

Mr Edgar Graham, who died on November 1 at the age of 66, was that unusual person, a businessman who was as much at home in a university seminar as at the Board of Directors of Unilever, and was able to make *a significant contribution to* both an international business and the world of ideas.

This was partly the product of his education and experience. He read Greats at Oxford before entering the army in 1939; and his mode of thought – logical, looking for the larger pattern of things – was always influenced by his Oxford training. He had a distinguished military career, notably in Palestine, North Africa and Italy, rising to Lieutenant-Colonel. After demobilization in 1946 he spent a year at the Foreign Office before joining United Africa Company.

It was his experience on the ground in West Africa during the next decade that gave him *interest and insights into* the problems of third world development; and it was there that he became interested in the plantation estate as a potentially efficient means of making the most effective use of factor endowment in the tropics.

By 1958 he was on the Board of UAC in London; and in 1960 took his specialized knowledge of the third world to the parent company, Unilever, becoming a Director of the Boards of Unilever in 1974. As first a member, then chairman, of Unilever's *Overseas* Committee, which supervises the activities of most of its overseas *manufacturing, trading* and plantation enterprises, he travelled widely in most parts of the less-developed world, and this gave him an exceptional grasp of the problems of production and distribution special to these countries.

While he welcomed the political independence of the one-time colonial countries and accepted the need for a progressive transfer of control of foreign *subsidiaries to indigenous managers* and shareholders, he was very dubious about many of the nostrums popular with some development economists and most third world politicians and planners in the heady first decades after independence. In particular he distrusted grandiose schemes for industrialization and "socialized" agriculture on the ground *that they* were likely to waste scarce resources.

As a Visiting Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, from 1964 to 1972 and then a Governor of both the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, and the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, he had ample opportunities to debate these issues with leading economists and experts in African and Asian countries. There, and in many conferences and seminars, he argued his case for cooperation between foreign capital and indigenous enterprise.

At a time when the tropical plantation was subject to attack and widespread takeovers, he held that a modernized version, shorn of the undesirable features of earlier servile or *semi-servile plantations* and embodying the latest plant technology, could, in the right hands, both increase the world supply of essential commodities and also provide vital foreign exchange earnings to pay for development in poor countries. When he died he had just completed a challenging book on the modern plantation which it is hoped will be published in 1984.

Edgar Graham had a rare combination of qualities that made him widely liked and admired. *However* senior or over-stretched, he was always accessible and took infinite *pains to help* and encourage colleagues, subordinates and friends. He never sought a public role or distinction, but he served on the Sir Robert Bellinger Panel of Businessmen guiding manpower saving inquiries in the Civil Service and worked very hard for both IDS and SOAS. He was widely *known as* a connoisseur of art and music and a collector of beautiful things.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

PROFESSOR ROBERT BEARD

Professor Robert Beard, OBE, one of the most eminent actuaries of his generation, died on November 7, aged 72.

Bobbie Beard, as he was known, was an example of the junior clerk making good. He started work as a postal clerk with the Pearl Assurance Company in 1928. He passed through all the major functional areas, life assurance and general insurance, home and overseas, actuarial and secretarial, becoming Assistant General Manager in 1948 and General Manager of the Pearl from 1967 until he retired in 1972.

After retirement he was appointed Professor first in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Essex and later at the University of Nottingham. He also acted as part-time insurance adviser to the Department of Trade.

Robert Eric Beard was born on January 11, 1911, and educated at Southend High School for *Boys, Essex*. His wartime service was with the Admiralty as statistical adviser to the *Director* of Air Equipment from 1942 to 1946. He became MBE in 1945, and in 1967 he was created OBE for services to the Government for work on studies of supervisory aspects of non-life insurance.

He qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in *1938. He* was awarded the institute's Centenary prize in 1948, and became a silver medallist in 1972 in recognition of service of special importance to the actuarial profession.

Beard's main interest lay in the application of statistical and mathematical methods to non-life insurance and he was a joint author of the first text book on risk theory as applied to insurance. He was successively founder member, secretary, editor and chairman of ASTIN, the section of the International Actuarial Association involved in general insurance. He was Vice-President of the Institute *of Actuaries 1962-65*, a Fellow and Vice-President of the Institute of Mathematics and Its *Applications*, and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

Beard's wife, Joan Margaret, *predeceased him. He is* survived by a son and a daughter.

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Change in the odds with Goldsmith back in town

Investment in gaming companies which rely for their profits on roulette and blackjack has lost its attractions over the past three years. Casinos owned by Playboy, Coral and Ladbroke were swept away in the cleaning carried out by the Gaming Board and the Metropolitan Police at the turn of the decade.

Attempts to win back lost gaming licences met with stiff opposition. Licensing justices were not persuaded that a change in visible executives necessarily meant a change in practices which had led to the withdrawal of licences in the first place.

But after falling away quite dramatically, business is now picking up, and gaming is attracting a new breed of entrepreneur.

Today the Unlisted Securities Market will see the debut of Aspinall Holdings, which combines the charisma of Mr John Aspinall and the business acumen of Sir James Goldsmith. The deeper significance of Aspinall's flotation should not be lost. Sir James is back to the London business scene which he pointedly left when he took Cavenham Foods into private ownership.

I do not imagine that the sharp Goldsmith eye and diamond brilliant commercial mind will be concentrated solely on the fortunes of one gaming company. Who knows, he may even revive his former passion for newspapers.

The Monopolies Commission may use the Pleasurama merger to say something more about the structure of the casino industry, particularly in London, which accounts for almost three-quarters of the total turnover in Britain.

Since the 1979 cleanup campaign, the number of London casinos has dropped by a third while the amount of money handed over for gambling chips has jumped by a third. For the survivors the pickings are rich.

To regain more than speculative appeal in the City, the companies it must demonstrate an ability to sustain high management standards.

Meanwhile, Aspinall's offer's a rare event in the USM, for sale, should turn out a stag's delight.

With a market quotation in place, Aspinall has already attracted rumours that it might be about to make a deal or be the subject itself of an instant takeover bid. Such gossip is common with new issues but the industry could take the merger route to sort itself out.

How feasible that is will become clearer this week with the expected publication of the Monopolies Commission report dealing with the merger between Pleasurama and Trident. Trident, with the astute Lord Hanson at the top, is now organizing itself to depend largely on profits from the Clermont Club and the Victoria Sporting Club.

Grand Metropolitan is also under the commission's scrutiny because it has a 30 per cent stake in Pleasurama. Both Pleasurama and Grand Met's gambling subsidiary Mecca has stakes in the Ritz casino and the Casanova. Pleasurama owns Maxim's.

Lonrho, the creation of Mr Tiny Rowland and already a casino operator, has bought 45 Park Lane and is likely to apply for a licence to bring back gaming to this old Playboy Club premises.


Goldsmith: something to celebrate

Gower revised and radical

Professor Laurence Gower's epic report on Investor Protection is complete. Its central, and most critical section is the choice Professor Gower believes the Government must make between setting up a full American style Securities and Exchange Commission and a revamped version of his original proposals for self-regulatory bodies answerable to a beefed-up Council for the Securities Industry working in harness with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Anyone operating in the investment industry who was not a member of one of the self-regulatory bodies would be required to register with the department.

Professor Gower is against any exceptions to the regulations the Government will make. Financial journalists for example, who provide investment advice would have to be registered. He has however dropped the idea both of making merchant banks responsible for the activities of high street investment advisers.

Professor Gower has also stepped back from his original ambition to ban all doorstep selling of financial products. Lobbying by the insurance industry has it seems, convinced him that this would be too Draconian.

His proposal will probably be a self-administered licensing system with the insurance companies themselves vetting salesmen and insisting on minimum standards of competence before granting a licence.

The biggest disappointment in the report will be the absence of recommendations for a comprehensive compensation scheme.

The biggest surprise arises from Professor Gower's overwhelming need for a full blown Pensions Act setting the ground rules under which pension funds would have to operate. This was not strictly within his remit but he is unlikely to let this opportunity pass without some reference to the inadequacy of the trust laws under which the funds at present operate.

The report will not be published until the Government has had time to mull over it. It will probably be available therefore some time toward the end of January.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Davignon to press Japan on deficit

The EEC's trade deficit with Japan is expected to dominate talks that, Viscount Etienne Davignon, teh industrial affairs commissioner, will have with Japanese officials during a four-day visit to Japan starting today.

Viscount Davignon will re-emphasise his concern about the EEC's chronic trade inbalance with Japan which totalled 12 billion european currency units ($10.2 billion) last year.

Japanese figures show that this imbalance was $7.7 billion in the firs nine months of this year, up 7 per cent over the same period last year.

● Blue Circle Industries has lodged an application with the Treasury to have a part of its 300-acre site at Dartford, Kent to be designated as a freeport.

● The Under Secretary of Energy, Mr David Morphet, has been meeting Gulf States oil industry officials in an attempt to smooth over difficulties likely to emerge about North Sea oil production rates.

● On advice from Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, the Swedish Government has proposed that the public be offered equity in the country's third biggest bank, the state-owned Postbanken, PK banken.

● The electronic industry's contribution to economic growth during the 1980s might not be as big as expected according to the Cambridge Econometrics. Parts of the industry may not be able to resist foreign competition, and little growth for the industry as a whole is forecast for the mid-1980s. Average output is expected to rise by 1.9 per cent a year between 1986 and 1990, however.



Big outdoors is a £500m market place

By Ronald Faux

Equipment that protects the outdoor enthusiast from every calamities between drenching and death, could earn a turnover this year of £500m, according to the Camping and Outdoor Leisure Association (Cola).

Specialists who manufacture tents, waterproofs, rock climbing and mountaineering gear report healthy business in the recession, and remarkable growth in newcomers to the trade.

Few industries must listen more carefully to the critical thoughts of their customers or experience more rapid change. Mr John Jackson, chairman of Cola, said this is underlined by the appearance of Youth Hostel Association shops in the high street selling an increasingly wide range of equipment, Scout shops retailing outdoor equipment, and the move by Blacks, probably the biggest retailer, into the top quality clothing market.

Mr Mark Vallance, managing director of Wild Country, a climbing equipment firm, has doubled turnover every year for five years. He spends a considerable time hanging from a beam in his office testing the climbing harnesses and artificial fibre loops that protect rock climbers.

"In the old days, the golden ruel was that a climber never fell off, particularly, the leader. That is not so, now. Climbers attempting the hardest routes accept a fall without qualms, knowing that their 'protection' wil stop them before they hit the ground", he said.

Higher paid face increase in National Insurance levy

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Taxes are likely to rise for the well-paid as a result of increased ceilings for the payment of National Insurance contributions, to be announced by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Thursday. Take-home pay for workers earning more then £245 a week, or £12,740 a year, is expected to be reduced by £1 a week.

But Mr Lawson, in his autumn statement, is expected to present an optimistic prospect for the economy in the coming year, with economic growth of close to 3 per cent, inflation edging down to below 5 per cent by the end of 1984 and unemployment falling for the first time since the recession began in 1979.

Government projections in the last Budget suggested that the Chancellor might have about £500m to return in tax cuts in 1984-85, but Mr Lawson is now thought to take a more gloomy view.

In spite of his success in keeping public spending plans in line with the £126.4 billion originally envisaged for next year, the Chancellor believes that a substantial safety margin is needed if he is a repetition of this year's experience when a threatened spending overshoot necessitated his £1 billion emergency cuts package in July.

He is keen, therefore, to leave more or less intact the £3 billion reserve for unplanned contingencies built into next year's plans. This is twice this year's reserve which was widely criticized as inadequate, especially since it was combined with an allowance for underspending by government departments which shows no sign of materializing.

Lawson: gloomy view.

Mr Lawson is also cautious over revenue prospects. Higher than expected growth and North Sea oil production have boosted revenues this year and should do so again in 1984. But the lower inflation that the Chancellor is predicting will dampen revenues from spending taxes such as VAT.

The Chancellor is not expected to raise National Insurance contribution rates, now 9 per cent. Buoyant earnings and a levelling out in the rise in unemployment have left the National Insurance fund in a relatively healthy financial position. But the floor and ceiling for contributions will be raised, as they are each year, in line with the increase in state benefits.

The floor will rise from earnings of £32.50 a week to £34, saving some low-paid workers nearly £3 a week. The ceiling, now £235 a week, is likely to go up by £10.

● Cable and Wireless has formed a joint venture with Chinese companies to provide a telephone service for China's Shenzhen special economic zone.

Yen-dollar pact 'will aid Europe'

From Bailey Morris Washington

Mr Donald Regan, the United States Treasury Secretary, said that a newly-negotiated agreement with Japan to correct the wide imbalance between the under-valued yen and the overvalued dollar could have a beneficial impact on European currencies.

This is the message he will deliver to finance ministers of the largest industrial countries when the group of 10 nations meets in Paris next week to discuss the new agreement and other proposals designed to check the erratic, upward movement of the dollar.

Mr Regan said he would brief ministers on the specifics of the agreement reached in Tokyo which called for establishment of a working group of American and Japanese treasury officials to submit a report by next spring on ways to revalue the yen in relation to the dollar.

"If we are successful in strengthening the yen then I would expect the currencies of some other nations represented at the Group of 10 meeting to strengthen as well," Mr Regan said.

This would reduce pressure on the United States to take steps to check the upward movement of the dollar and perhaps lessen the desire of some nations for a new Bretton Woods-type conference to reform the international monetary system, treasury officials said. The United States has opposed both these proposals.

Commenting on the dollar-yen agreement, Mr Regan said it was designed not only to halve the $20 billion United States trade deficit with Japan but also to open Japanese capital markets to foreign investors.

The Japanese have proposed one way to open their markets by allowing more foreign companies to raise money in the yen market by changing their designated companies system.

Under this system, foreign direct investment is now prohibited in an estimated eight to 10 per cent important industrial sectors including mining.

The Japanese have also agreed to take steps to internationalize their currency further by allowing investors to take forward positions in the yen.

"If more investors begin to buy the yen then there will be less demand for the dollar and all currencies will benefit," Mr Regan said.

The yen problem is only one aspect of the mounting US trade deficit which is generating growing domestic pressure on the Administration to do something about the overvalued dollar.

At present, the dollar overvaluation is 50 per cent or more against some European currencies with the result that where the United States once enjoyed trade surpluses, it is now suffering huge trade deficits.

With the European Community, for example, the US in the first nine months of the year had its first deficit in years. This ran at a rate of $305m, implying a deficit of $400m for the year.

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Congress staves off financial crisis

By Michael Prest and Bailey Morris

The extraordinary prospect of the US Federal Government running out of money was averted over the weekend when Congress, which has blocked specific spending bills, agreed on emergency measures to allow the Government to go on functioning.

But another crisis could blow up today when Congress will be asked to approve raising the ceiling on the national debt from $1,389 billion to $1,450 billion. The increase is being vigorously opposed by Conservative members of Congress who want to cut the federal government budget deficit, currently at $200m.

One casualty, of the tortous and prolonged debate at the weekend was early approval of the proposed $8.4 billion rise in America's contribution to the International Monetary Fund.

House Democrats have been tying the IMF contribution to a domestic housing bill. But Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary, said he expects the increase to be passed before Congress recesses on November 18.

The stop-gap measures provided funds for government agencies and programmes until the end of the fiscal year on November 30 in the absence of specific spending Bills which have yet to be approved by Congress.

The huge spending Bill was approved only after the White House and House Democrats were able to forge a compromise on social welfare programmes.

In the end, President Reagan was forced to accept slightly less than he wanted for defence and foreign aid which were cut by $13 billion and $11.5 billion respectively.

But House Democrats also scaled back sharply their demands for an estimated $1 billion in domestic spending programmes for the poor.

As finally approved, the measure contained $100 million more than the President wanted for domestic programmes, including $98.7 million for education, health and shelter programmes.

Had Congress failed to approve the measure, key government agencies including the Defence Department and the White House could have been forced to shut down today.

The debt ceiling legislation is equally critical to government operations and must be approved before Congress adjourns on November 18.

Mr Regan earlier last week, gave a warning of grave economic consequences affecting both financial markets and the American recovery if Congress did not move quickly.

The Treasury was unable to rouse new money on securities markets to pay government bills after the senate's refusing to raise the debt ceiling when the current level of $1,389 billion was exceeded.

Mr Regan said the result was a severe disruption of financial markets and a new rise in borrowing costs.

In order to continue to pay the Government's bills, the Treasury recently informed 14,000 US banks that it would begin drawing down its cash reserves which stood at $30 billion at the end of October and are now down to $26 billion, Mr Regan said.

Company failures set to fall

By Jonathan Clare

The demise of the Scotcros mini-conglomerate at the hands of the receivers announced last week might mark a watershed in the catalogue of corporate failures.

None of the big four banks want to be drawn too far but there are signs that the number and size of companies requiring special attention because of their precarious financial position is on the wane.

One banker said: "Some stability has been established – perhaps we have reached a plateau. But there could be another blip just round the corner."

The figures contained in *Credit News* for the first three-quarters of this year show that although casualties are up on last year, liquidations have started to tail off.

Since the end of the third quarter there are signs of some further improvement.

The Midland Bank believes there are grounds for optimism: although the number of companies in its "intensive care unit" is unchanged the figures involved are much less because the companies are smaller than they were.

Other banks are more cautious but concede the picture is brighter than a year ago.

Scotcros was involved in packaging, wine, animal feedstuffs and engineering but suffered its heaviest losses in packaging. The Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays were the two principal bankers who, despite strenuous efforts, were unable to get shareholders to agree to any alteration in loan stock terms.

Oil fever grips New Zealand

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain's Tricentrol, which is about to start oil exploration in the South China Sea, has sparked off a bout of "oil fever" on the normally placid New Zealand Stock Exchanges.

The exchanges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin have become tourist attractions as oil company shares have surged. Brokers expect this week to be less hectic than last but shares will continue to rise.

Police had to be called to the Auckland Stock Exchange as spectators spilled on to the trading floor to see the prices boards.

The activity has been caused by Tricentrol's discovery of "traces of hydrocarbon" in an exploratory well off New Zealand's north-west coast. Tricentrol has made it clear that it is too early to evaluate the significance of the find.

However, brokers have interpreted the find as "very positive", and more than 2,000,000 shares in the three New Zealand companies involved with Tricentrol changed hands last week.

Tricentrol is the operator in the block at Moki field with the New Zealand Government holding 51 per cent stake. The three New Zealand companies involved as Petro Taranhai with 6.4 per cent, Cue Petroleum with 5.125 per cent and Horizon Oil with 4.08 per cent.

Shares in the three doubled in value at one stage

Chicago adds Brent crude

North Sea Brent crude will be added to the crude oil future contract offered by the Chicago Board Of Trade (CBOT) in a move to increase volume in the contract before the London International Petroleum Exchange (IPE) launches its first crude oil contract on November 22.

Brent crude is planned to be the IPE key crude. It has the same characteristics as the CBOT key crude.

The CBOT, which has seen most oil trading move to the New York exchange, sees Brent crude making its contracts more attractive because of their important role in the Rotterdam stock market.

Wall Street cheered by Treasury auctions

US bonds regain their momentum

The US bond markets know that there is not going to be any shortage of government paper for a couple of years. They believe they are going to have to fight to get rid of it. Admittedly, real bond yields are unprecedented – about 7 per cent when measured against inflation over the last year. But that is not enough. The bond market needs happy facts to keep it going.

These facts emerged from the 16 billion US treasury auctions, which went well. Yields declined slightly. There was plenty of money available to buy the government paper.

By the end of the week, the December bond futures contract had risen 1 2/32 from the previous Friday and other fixed interest futures had also risen in line.

The stock market had a good week, responding to the improved sentiment in the fixed interest markets with a rise of 30 points on the dow Jones industrial average.

The Standard and Poor's December futures contract rose from 164.20 on November 4 to 167.85 last Friday – an increase of 2.25 per cent in one week.

There is now hope that the bond markets have overcome whatever it was that ailed them and are now ready to continue the rally that was interrupted early last month.

Bond futures had declined steadily between May and August, reflecting the fear of inflation generated by the Federal Reserve's strongly expansionary monetary policy that was in place between July last year and April this year.

Fed abandoned this policy in April, and imposed a freeze on banks' reserves that is still in effect.

By mid-August, the bond markets had accepted the fact of the big change in Fed policy initiated (with the benefit of hindsight) in April. The bond market took heart realizing that the central bank was committed to a different policy line.

The treasury bond futures December 1983 contract, which had fallen from 79 in May to under 68 in mid-August, began to recover.

By the first week of last month this contract, indicative of the state of the bond market, had risen to more than 73.

Some observers considered that a substantial rally in bonds was likely. The reason was that the Fed, having begun on a course of monetary restraint in April, would hold to that course for some time, on its past form. Certainly until there were strong indications that the US economy's vigorous expansion phase, stimulated by the Fed's own highly expansionary monetary policy, was drawing to a close.

Some analysts forecast a return of up to 25 to 30 per cent per annum on bonds bought in September or October and sold next summer.

Maxwell Newton

Peat faces resistance

The European COFI company is standing firm against Guinness Peat's attempt to take over investment trust Moorside via the issue of 44million shares.

Attempts last week by Guinness's chief executive, Mr Alastair Morton, to rally critical shareholders' support before tomorrow's vote have failed. Other substantial shareholders will be joining COFI's 8.3 per cent holding in voting against a bid where the logic is at best dubious.

The new shares to be issued have been underwritten at 40p – far too low, argue the opposition – when the present market price is just pennies below the year's best at 54p.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Change on week

FT Index: 725.1 up 6.8
FT Gilts: 83.70 up 0.68
FT All Share: 453.48 up 6.36
Bargains: 19,730
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 96.51 up 1.89
New York: Dow Jones Average: (close) 1250.20 up 31.91x
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,305.63 down 36.05
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 844.94 down 44.55
Amsterdam: 150.5 up 5.1
Sydney: AO Index 712.4 up 23.5
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1015.8 up 20.9
Brussels: General Index 122.88 down 1.11
Paris: CAC Index 142.1 up 1.6

CURRENCIES

Change on week

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4875 up 5pts
Index 84.1 up 0.2
DM 3.9825 up 0.0245
FrF 12.11 up 0.072
Yen 350.50 up 0.5
Dollar
Index 128.0 unchanged
DM 2.6765
NEW YORK CLOSE
Sterling $1.4850
Dollar DM 2.6805
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.570471
SDR£0.709665

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Akzo (quarter), American Oil Field Land Securities, Outwich Investment Trust, Singlo Group, Sketchley. **FINALS:** Associated Heat Services.
TOMORROW – Interims: BET Omnibus Services, Cable and Wireless, GEI International, Godfrey Davis, HAT Group, International Signal and Control Group, Royal Insurance, Young and Co's Brewery. **FINALS:** New Court Trust, Scottish National Trust, Somic, Union Steel Corporation (of South Africa).
WEDNESDAY – Interims: Allied Irish Banks, Bestwood, Michael Black, Chamberlin and Hill, Cullen's Stores, Jersey General Investment Trust, London and Liverpool Trust, London Trust, Monks Investment Trust, R Moss, Mountview Estates, TR Technology Investment Trust, Tesco, Thomas Warrington. Finals: Wade Potteries.
THURSDAY – Interims: Aquascutum Group, Brown Shipley, East Midland Allied Press, B Elliott, LCP Holdings, LRC International, Philips Lamps NV (third quarter) Plessey (second quarter), Finals: Akroyd and Smithers, M J Gleeson, Kwik Save Discount, Group.
FRIDAY – Interims: Black Arrow Group, Geers Gross, S Jerome, Property Partnerships, G Ruddle, R Smallshaw (Knitwear), Spong Holdings. Finals: Hickson International.

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RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Acorn Computer Grp 1p Ord (120a)	119
Atlantic Computer 10p Ord (230*)	315+7
BP 25p Ord (435*)	198
Coin Industries 10p Ord (10*)	108
D J Security Alarms 10p Ord (60a)	85−3
Edinburgh Fund Managers 5p Ord (75a)	87
European Assets Dfl 1 (97)	107
Federated Housing 5p Ord (54a)	51−1
Flogas 10p Ord (77a)	62
French Connection GRP 5p Ord (123a)	126+3
Imtec Group 10p Ord (91a)	84
Laidlaw Group 10p Ord (45a)	46
Logica 10p Ord (220*)	245
Oxford Instruments 5p Ord (285*)	300
PCT Group 10p Ord (150a)	156
Peters M. 25p Ord (85a)	100
Telemetrix 5p Ord (158)	218
Tottenham Hotspur 25p Ord (100)	95−2
Woodchester Investments IR 20p (IR 84a)	178

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities, * by tender.

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End, Nov 25. § Contango Day, Nov 28. Settlement Day, Dec 5.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.
(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Cable & Wireless confounds forecasters

There are two big questions in analysts' minds concerning the telecommunications group Cable & Wireless. What will the interim profits be when the company reports tomorrow? And will the Government take the opportunity of likely bumper profits and the announcement of big Chinese contracts to sell half its 45 per cent holding? *This stake of 100* million shares and would raise £300m, based on the current share price of £3. Cable & Wireless is renowned among analysts as one of the most difficult companies to cover, which is relfected to some extent by the wide divergence of opinion concerning the intrim results. Figures range from £80m to £90m against £67m the year before.

For the last full year C&W easily beat the best of City forecasts by 25m with a script issue thrown in as a bonus. And that included an £8m write-off of its telephone assets in Hongkong, some of which were still in use.

Last July the company told a group of analysts that it likes to surprise the City when reporting higher profits. That simple statement led many to add £10m to their basic calculation.

The analysts are stumped by the various factors affecting profitability. Currency causes many problems. Last year it meant a profit contribution of £5m in the first half and £6m in the second.

This year analysts reckon the weakness of the Hongkong dollar hit profits by as much as £6m, but then that currency weakness makes its Chinese tenders that much cheaper. And the problems in Hongkong *mean that the international* telephone exchange – owned by C&W – will have seen a significant increase in use, if by *no one else than the financial* community.

The Company is known to have made substantial progress in other parts of the world and that rising trend of profits leads the City to expect up to £200m for the full year.

Tesco, reporting its half year results on Wednesday, troubles *analysts far less than C&W* exceptations falls within a range of £64m to £69m for the full year, with the interim figures *forecast at £26m, up 30 per* cent.

Tesco has sharply increased its sales density per foot and has managed to improve margins slightly, particularly by improvements in wholesaling and warehousing.

Still behind Sainsbury and ASDA, its two main nationwide competitors, Tesco has started an extensive capital spending programme – mainly on superstores of more than 25,000sq ft.

Despite the differential in margins between the big three stores, Tesco is still considered to have strong growth potential which it is fast exploiting.

Kwik-Save, reporting its final results on Thursday, is another retailer analysts consider attractive. Although nowhere near *the size of Tesco, brokers* reckon the shares a strong buy.

Pretax profits are forecast betwen £25m and £28m, with high expectations for the second half. The company has been expanding, albeit gingerly, in the North-east and the South and has a strong management record.

The only management problem is the replacement of Mr Michael Weeks, the man responsible for choosing the supermarket sites.

The group is beginning to face far more competition from Tesco's Victor-Value stores. Kwik-Save has opened 40 new stores and the company claims to be satisfied with the result.

That programme of expansion is not expected to diminish in the current year, so the group looks set to threaten the bigger groups in the not too distant future.

Wayne Lintott

ECONOMIC VIEW

Spending figures to dominate

The week will be dominated by the Chancellor's autumn statement on Thursday when Mr Nigel Lawson will announce the outcome of the public spending round for the next year, and publish new Treasury forecasts for the British economy.

On Wednesday, the first of the new monthly estimates of the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) is published for October. Central Government transactions, previously published separately, *will be included.*

Figures for the first six months of the 1983-84 financial year suggested that the PSBR was likely to overshoot the Government's £8,200m target, by perhaps £1,000m or more. The City will be watching for some improvement in public finances in October, especially in central Government spending which has been running well above plan.

Thursday sees publication of the output measure of third quarter gross domestic product, third quarter captial spending and stocks, and details of *money supply growth in October*, including bank lending.

Figures for the output of the production industries for September and provisional October retail sales are out today. Most analysts expect a modest increase in industrial production but are divided over the outlook for retailsales with some seeing a further improvement on September's record level and other a decline.

On Wednesday the Department of Employment publishes the average earnings index for September, and on Friday the Central Statistical Office releases *the latest cyclical indicators* for the British economy.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YTM
Ford 16% 1984	101.63	8.44
C.B.I.C. 14½% 1984	102.00	8.14
Wells Fargo 15½% 1984	102.75	9.84
Continental Illinois 14¾% 1984 (EW)	102.75	9.42
G.M.A.C. 16½% 1984	106.25	10.32
G.M.A.C. 15¾% 1985	105.00	11.01
Elf Acquitaine 8¾% 1985	96.80	10.55
J.C. Penny 13¾% 1985	102.50	11.41
I.M.B. World Trade 14¾% 1985	104.50	11.60
A.R.D.B. 15% 1986	105.63	11.16
Mobile Expl. 13¾% 1986	101.83	9.52
Citicorp 10% 1986	96.00	11.38
Southern California Edison 16¾% 1986	106.00	14.15
R.C.A. 15½% 1987	103.60	13.99
Japan Development Bank 15¾% 1987	109.75	11.67
Occidental 16¼% 1987	106.50	13.31
Nordic Investment Bank 11¾% 1987	98.00	11.97
Amoco U.K. 13¾% 1988	103.00	12.29
Mitsubishi 11¾% 1988	101.80	11.25
Montana Power 15¾% 1988	107.00	13.03
Manufacturers Hanover 10¾% due 27.5.88 1988	94.00	12.00
Trans Canada Pipeline 16% due 1.12.89 1989	109.00	13.70
Coca Cola 11¾% due 1.12.89 1989	102.98	11.05
Dresser 12¾% 1989	103.80	11.63
Walt Disney 12¾% due 15.3.89 1989	103.00	11.67
Electricity de France 11¾% due 18.1990	96.50	12.02
Citicorp 10¾% 1990	92.63	12.04
World Bank 10¾% due 13.1.90 1990%	96.38	11.71

Stock	Price	YTM
Ontario Hydro 13¼% due 26.2.91 1991	107.75	11.82
E.I.B. 11% due 9.3.91 1991	95.38	11.96
B.M.W. 10¾% due 3.5 1991	95.88	11.44
Barclays Bank 8¾% due 15.9.92 1992	82.75	11.72
Amax 16¼% due 1.4.92 1992	111.00	13.89
E.E.C. 14¾% due 20.4.1993	109.88	12.24
Amax 16¾% due 1.4.92 1992	111.00	13.29
E.E.C. 14¾% due 20.4 1993	109.88	12.84
Richardson Vicks 11¾% due 30.6.95 1995	96.50	12.11
Prudential 10¾% due 15.4.93 1993	95.88	11.33
Gulf Oil 10¾% 1994	94.25	11.17
C.N.A. 15¾% 1996	111.75	13.25
CONVERTIBLE BONDS	**Conv Price**	**Prem**
General Electric 4¼% 1987	133.50	-0.64
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1992	111.00	-0.66
Eastman Kodak 4½% 1988	116.80	-0.21
Ford 5% 1988	116.60	-0.21
Galveston-Houston 8% 1994		
[illegible] Petroleum 8% 1989	116.50	3.84
Morgan J.P. 4¾% 1987	121.50	-3.08
Revlon 4¾% 1987	92.50	10.17
Sperry Rand 4¾% 1988	93.00	10.74
Warner Lambert 4¾% 1987	86.00	41.30
Northern Telecom 7% 1977	131.60	-1.92
DEUTSCHMARK ISSUES	**Price**	**Ytm**
World Bank 8% 1990	100.95	7.80
World Bank 9% 1992	105.90	8.05
Caisse Nat Tele 7¾% 1993	97.40	8.16
E.E.C. 8% 1994	99.50	8.08

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

TENDERS MUST BE LODGED AT THE BANK OF ENGLAND, NEW ISSUES (A), WATLING STREET, LONDON, EC4M 9AA NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 1983, OR AT ANY OF THE BRANCHES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND OR AT THE GLASGOW AGENCY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 1983.

ISSUE OF £1,150,000,000

10 per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 1989

MINIMUM TENDER PRICE £97.00 PER CENT

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

Deposit with tender	£20.00 per cent
On Wednesday, 14th December 1983	£40.00 per cent
On Monday, 16th January 1984	Balance of purchase money

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 1ST FEBRUARY AND 1ST AUGUST

This Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive tenders for £1,000,000,000 of the above Stock: the balance of £150,000,000 has been reserved for the National Debt Commissioners for public funds under their management.

The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The Stock will be repaid at par on 1st August 1989.

The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

Interest will be payable half-yearly on 1st February and 1st August. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. The first interest payment will be made on 1st August 1984 at the rate of £6.1421 per £100 of the Stock.

Tenders must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (A), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 1983, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 1983. Tenders will not be revocable between 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16th November 1983 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 21st November 1983.

Each tender must be for one amount and at one price. The minimum price, below which tenders will not be accepted, is £97.00 per cent. Tenders must be made at the minimum price or at higher prices which are multiples of 25p. Tenders lodged without a price being stated will be deemed to have been made at the minimum price.

A separate cheque representing a deposit at the rate of £20.00 for every £100 of the nominal amount of Stock tendered for must accompany each tender; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

Tenders must be for a minimum of £100 Stock and for multiples of Stock as follows:

Amount of Stock tendered for	*Multiple*
£100–£1,000	£100
£1,000–£3,000	£500
£3,000–£10,000	£1,000
£10,000–£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any tender or part of any tender and may therefore allot to tenderers less than the full amount of the Stock. Tenders will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to tenderers whose tenders are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any tender should be accepted (the allotment price), which will be not less than the minimum tender price. All allotments will be made at the allotment price: tenders which are accepted and which are made at prices above the allotment price will be allotted in full; tenders made at the allotment price may be allotted in full or in part only. Any balance of Stock not allotted to tenderers will be allotted at the allotment price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

Letters of allotment in respect of Stock allotted, being the only form in which the Stock may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer, but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the tenderer's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the tenderer will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his tender and of the amount of Stock allocated to him, subject in each case to payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the tenderer to transfer the Stock so allocated.

No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 Stock. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Stock will render the allotment of such Stock liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or by any of the Branches of the Bank of England, on any date not later than 12th January 1984. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment (but a letter cannot be split if any payment is overdue).

Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 16th January 1984.

Tender forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England, or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England, 25 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2EB; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; at Mullens & Co., 15 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON
11th November 1983

THIS FORM MAY BE USED
TENDER FORM

This form must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (A), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 1983, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England (25 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2EB) not later than 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 1983.

ISSUE OF £1,150,000,000

10 per cent Exchequer Stock, 1989

MINIMUM TENDER PRICE £97.00 PER CENT

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

I/We tender in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 11th November 1983 as follows:–

Amount of above-mentioned Stock tendered for, being a minimum of £100 and in a multiple as follows:–

Amount of Stock tendered for	*Multiple*
£100–£1,000	£100
£1,000–£3,000	£500
£3,000–£10,000	£1,000
£10,000–£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

1. NOMINAL AMOUNT OF STOCK £

Amount of deposit enclosed, being £20.00 for every £100 of the nominal amount of Stock tendered for (shown in Box 1 above):–

2. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a) £

The price tendered per £100 Stock, being a multiple of 25p and not less than the minimum tender price of £97.00:–

3. TENDER PRICE (b) £ : p

I/We hereby engage to pay instalments as they shall become due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this tender, as provided by the said prospectus.

I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of Stock allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.

SIGNATURE.................................
of, or on behalf of, tenderer

. . . . November 1983

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

MR/MRS MISS	FORENAME(S) IN FULL	SURNAME
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:–		
POST-TOWN	COUNTY	POSTCODE
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a A separate cheque must accompany each tender. Cheques should be made payable to "Bank of England" and crossed "New Issues". Cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

b The price tendered must be a multiple of 25p and not less than the minimum tender price. If no price is stated, this tender will be deemed to have been made at the minimum tender price. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● USM REVIEW

A shining Midsummer brew

Midsummer Inns, the old Camra (Real Ale) Investments, has quietly slipped from the beer swigging, masculine embrace which gave it life and is now a fully fledged commercial operation happy to live down its Camra origins.

The company was born out of the traditional beer upsurge of the 1970s which convinced the brewing industry that there was still a profitable demand for traditional draught beer which had become an endangered brew in some areas.

Nowadays, leading breweries and the rest roll out traditional beers as well as keg and Camra (the Campaign for Real Ale), the most successful pressure group the beerage has ever encountered, is now content to keep a broadly based brewing brief.

With Camra's initial objectives accomplished, the commercial arm, floated on the tide of traditional beer enthusiasm in 1974 when shares were sold to Camra members and others, felt the time ripe to loosen the tie.

The cumbersome Camra (Real Ale) Investment handle was replaced by Midsummer Inns. And the shares, hitherto traded under the rule 163 facility, were elevated to the Unlisted Securities Market. The company's role in operating pubs in area where traditional beer was hard to find was ended. Some of the far flung pubs, including the first, have been sold, and Midsummer Inns, with nine outlets, intends to concentrate on an area which covers roughly 60 miles around its Cambridge headquarters.

Mr Christopher Hutt, managing director, said: "We see our future running regional free houses, selling traditional draught beers, but offering all the comforts of a well run pub".

The company's ambition is to develop a 25-strong chain within the next four years.

Midsummer Inns – named after Midsummer Common, Cambridge – has, reflecting its Camra days, more than 3,000 shareholders. **Oceans Consolidated**, the quoted investment company run by the Howard family, has a near 15 per cent shareholding.

The pub chain's profits record with the drag of its Camra obligations, has been steady rather than spectacular, but Mr Nicholas Winterton, the Tory MP chairman, has indicated that current year's profits may not match last time's £57,000. The shares are 135p.

Full details will be released tomorrow of **Mebon**, the industrial coatings and paints group which is due to arrive on the USM next Monday. Merchant bankers Hambros has yet to decide upon the placing price but around 95p seems likely.

Mebon, which has grown partly on the back of the North *Sea oil industry, seems the sort* of candidate for which the USM was created. The founders, Mr. William Meakin, aged 57, and Mr. John Bourne, aged 52, will retain control and with their families will have 73 per cent of the capital after the share sale. Some of the cash raised goes to the founders; the rest to the company.

Messrs Meakin (salesman) and Bourne (chemist) got together 20 years ago with the object of setting up a company making industrial coatings. Like so many other successful entrepreneurs they discovered a corner of the market which was ready for exploitation.

Their basic message is that their paints cost much more than the average do-it-yourself variety. But they last a lot longer, even under the most demanding conditions.

Mebon, which once briefly dabbled in film finance and commodity trading, expects to make at least £800,000 in its current year. This would compare with £585,000. The company's profit record is a little erratic but the trend is dertemінedly upwards. When they *started, Messrs Meakin and* Bourne were backed by a family trust. It pumped in just £10,000. The trust sold in 1977 for £750,000. Repeating such a performance will almost certainly prove too daunting, but Mebon, with its rewarding part of the paints industry, looks set for further progress.

Dealings are expected to start today in the **Michael Page Partnership**, specializing in accountancy and financial recruitment. Stockbroker Phillips & Drew has placed shares at 90p.

Derek Pain

Unlisted Securities

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
13.0m	A & G Security	245	-5	2.9	1.2	18.8
10.1m	A & M Hire	23	+½	0.3	1.3	29.9
7,140,000	Aaronite	136	-2	3.6	2.6	24.8
133.6m	Acorn Comp	119	+2	..	..	28.3
1,080,000	Acsis Jewel	20	-2	..	..	..
21.2m	Adam Leisure	85	+2	1.4	1.7	14.8
11.7m	Aidcom Int	93	+3	0.9	0.9	89.4
15.1m	Air Call	393	-7	8.0	2.0	18.7
13.5m	Airship Ind	108	-3	..	..	..
9,811,000	Anglo Nordic	31	-½	2.9	9.3	9.1
7,123,000	Applied Botanics	17	+½	..	..	..
46.5m	Asprey & Co	27½	+¼	22.9	2.9	12.8
29.6m	Baltic Leasing	259	+8	4.0n	1.5	11.3
6,240,000	Bell Electronics	222 f	..			
3,984,000	Bensons Crisps	83		2.7	3.3	20.8
2,898,000	Berkeley & HH	10	-1¼	..	..	..
7,683,000	Berkley Exp	75	+15	..	..	..
32.2m	Bespak	301	-2	4.3e	1.4	18.9
11.1m	Bio-isolates	145	+10	..	..	..
7,491,000	Biomechanics	66	..	..	..	..
2,360,000	Black M.	55	-4	4.3n	7.8	8.0
5,666,000	Breville Europe	34	..	7.0b	20.6	7.9
2,860,000	Bryant D.	130		7.5b	5.8	53.3
25.6m	Bula Resources	27½	+1½			
4,399,000	Business Comp	75	..	1.4	1.9	12.3
18.7m	CPU Computer	118	+5	2.0	1.7	26.9
52.1m	Candecca Res	133	+7	..	..	..
4,873,000	Canvermoor	118	-5	5.2b	4.4	..
9,350,000	Cass Grp	170	..	3.6	2.1	21.1
9,120,000	Castle GB	76	-2	3.6b	4.7	12.1
39.1m	Cent Ind TV NV	163	+3			
8,857,000	Chem Methods	70	..	6.2	8.8	..
18.7m	Cifer	120	..	..	..	12.8
3,588,000	Ciro	115	..	2.9	2.5	15.0
1,314,000	City Site Est	38	+6	0.8	2.1	72.0
10.2m	Cluff Oil	90	-3	..	..	..
10.0m	Do B	83	+2	..	..	..
113.6m	Clyde Petrol	123	+3	0.9	0.7	..
10.1m	Cobra Emerald	101	-5			
4,314,000	Coleman Milne	48	..	2.1	4.5	9.8
5,598,000	Consults (C&F)	565	-35	4.3	0.8	67.9
8,450,000	C'ntl Microwave	720	..	36.0	5.0	20.0
13.9m	Cornell Hldgs	243	+7	..	..	..
2,409,000	Cramphorn	£10	..	35.7	3.6	8.5
1,020,000	DJ Sec Alarms	85	-5	3.0	3.5	15.4
3,440,000	De Brett A	43	-2	3.6	8.3	10.4
1,438,000	Delmar Grp	29	..	1.4	4.8	7.0
10.1m	Dencora	80	..	..b	..	25.0
10.5m	Druck Hldgs	210	..	3.7	1.8	19.7
1,144,000	Dunton Grp	10	..	..	..	35.7
863,000	Ecobric Hldgs	83	+3	12.1	14.5	..
9,778,000	Edinburgh Sec	100	..	0.2b	0.2	..
14.9m	Eldridge Pope	707	..	16.4	2.3	19.6
3,447,000	Energy Finance	35	+1	1.9	5.3	5.4
4,209,000	Equipu	95	..	4.9	5.1	8.8
3,793,000	Exeter Building	125	..	10.0	8.0	4.5
22.0m	FTT Ltd	133	+5	4.0	3.0	18.1
15.6m	FKI Elec	22½	..	0.3b	1.3	43.3
23.3m	Feedback	298	..	3.6	1.3	27.1
1,030,000	First Talisman	30	..	0.9n	2.9	25.8
14.3m	Fitch & Co.	280	..	6.2	2.2	31.5
25.7m	Flextech	143	-2	..	..	23.8
10.0m	Flogas	62	-3	2.5	4.0	..
11.6m	Floyd Oil	73	+2	..	..	..
13.6m	Framlington Grp	680	..	9.3b	1.4	18.3
16.2m	Freshbake Foods	75	+1	1.2	1.6	12.3
26.9m	Fuller Smith	450	..	6.4	1.4	22.9
24.5m	Gable Hse Prop	59	-1	3.3	5.6	12.8
8,319,000	Garfunkels	178	+8	2.7b	1.5	18.4
13.0m	Gee (Cecil)	120	..	3.0	2.5	29.6
5,611,000	Gilbert Hse Inv	21	..	..	..	..
2,974,000	Godwin Warren	83	+2	2.0b	2.4	12.0
2,273,000	Gould Laurence	111	..	4.3b	3.8	..
7,935,000	Grainger Tst	183	..	5.4b	3.0	..
1,217,000	Greenwich Cable	45	..	..	..	..
965,000	Guernsey At Sec	143	..	..	..	62.2
3,200,000	HB Electronics	80	-1	1.6	2.0	15.2
2,074,000	Hadland Hldgs	65	+2	3.6	5.5	..
47.1m	Hadson Pet	76	-2	..b	..	..
2,840,000	Hardanger Prop	142	+12	14.0n	9.9	3.6
7,804,000	Hartons Grp	29½	+4½	0.8b	2.7	43.4
1,822,000	Harvey & Thomp	58	+3	2.1	3.7	13.1
2,930,000	Haytors	125	-5	15.0	12.0	6.0
2,046,000	Heclamat Hldgs	66	..	8.0	12.1	7.4
2,239,000	Humberside Elec	13 r	+¼	..	..	..
11.6m	Hunterprint	133	..	4.6	3.4	11.7
12.7m	ICC Oil	29½	+½	0.0	0.1	37.8
10.3m	Im Bus Systems	153	+12	..	..	..
2,945,000	Ind Fin & Inv	93	..	3.2	3.5	8.8
8,681,000	Inn Leisure	33	-1	0.6	1.8	30.0
10.4m	Int'europe Tech	208	-3	6.0	2.9	45.7
5,439,000	Intervision Vid	27	-2	1.4	5.3	...
47.5m	Invent Energy	288	..	..b	..	..
1,907,000	JSD Comp Grp	35	..	3.0	8.6	19.8
1,099,000	Jayplant	31	-2	..	..	24.8
24.1m	Jebsens Drill	151	..	12.5	8.3	2.4
9,975,000	Johnstone Paints	95	..	5.4	5.7	7.2
5,968,000	KLP Group	123	..	..	..	26.7
41.1m	Kean & Scott	47	-1	1.4b	3.0	0.1
8,633,000	Kennedy Brookes	223	+2	1.8	0.8	19.1
3,826,000	Laidlaw Grp	46	+1	2.7	5.8	5.9
614,000	Ldn & Man Secs	15	..	20.4	..	9.7
3,361,000	Do 10p Ord	15	..	..	..	9.7
5,968,000	Ldn Cont Adv	38	..	0.3	0.8	30.2
960,000	Ldn Priv Health	24	+½	..	..	68.6
6,400,000	Lorin Elec	138	-5	1.4b	1.1	33.3
1,760,000	MMT Computing	88	+5	2.4b	2.7	20.4
1,757,000	Mainmet	71	-1	..	..	..
79.9m	McCarthy Stone	320	+5	2.9	0.9	36.7
6,275,000	McLaughlin & H	155	..	9.4	6.1	7.9
6,215,000	Mellerware	113	-5	3.6b	3.2	..
13.8m	Memory Comp	225	-5	2.3b	1.0	38.4
8,942,000	Merrydown Wine	345	-5	7.1	2.1	17.2
5,188,000	Metal Bulletin	118	..	8.6	7.3	11.4
5,832,000	Metal Sciences	27	+7	..	..	..
35.3m	Micro Business	280	-5	1.4	0.6	38.8
2,550,000	Microfilm Reprg	75	..	3.6	4.8	..
57.8m	Micro Focus	560	+10	..b	..	..
12.7m	Microgen Hldgs	393	+5	5.7b	1.5	40.5
6,324,000	Microlease	186	-2	2.9b	1.5	..
4,383,000	Midland Marts	118	-7	5.7	4.8	14.1
783,000	Midsummer Inns	135	..	3.6	2.6	15.3
4,200,000	Miles 33	200	-5	2.9	1.4	21.3
3,217,000	Miss World	165	+7	4.3b	2.6	20.8
8,488,000	Mnemos	19	-11	..	..	..
971,000	Morland Sec	75	-5	2.9	3.8	..
950,000	Morley (RH)	38	..	..e	..	..
6,833,000	Munford & White	215	+10	3.6b	1.7	24.1
7,780,000	NMW Computers	181	-4	5.7	3.2	20.2
9,666,000	New Ct Nat Res	29	-1	1.7	5.9	11.4
4,583,000	New England Prp	20	+2	..	..	..
38.3m	Nimslo Int	33	-1	..e	..	..
15.6m	Oilfield Inspec	222	..	3.4	1.5	20.9
14.1m	Owners Abroad	27	-½	0.7	2.6	12.1
6,922,000	PCT Group	156	..	6.9	4.4	14.7
2,050,000	Parkfield Fndry	41	-1	..	..	..
5,652,000	Peters M.	100	-3	..	..	..
4,680,000	Pict Petrol	78	-2	..	..	..
2,380,000	Pineapple Dance	118	-2	2.1b	1.8	13.6
21.0m	Polytech Marine	234	+7	2.9n	1.2	68.2
3,600,000	Promotions Hse	30	-1	1.0	3.3	..
3,081,000	Radio City	140	+5	8.0b	5.7	16.4
16.4m	Rayford Sup	235	+7	7.0	3.0	12.1
3,988,000	Ramus Hldgs	90	-3	7.1	7.9	15.3
15.0m	Real Time Cont	215	+4	2.9b	1.3	35.4
1,162,000	Reliant Motor	21	+1	..	..	5.6
64.0m	Renishaw	208	+2	1.6b	0.8	64.2
13.6m	Resource Tech	149	+2	..b	..	38.1
2,277,000	Rivlin ID&S	56	-4	3.0	5.4	..
3,125,000	Rolfe & Nolan	125	+10	3.9	3.1	12.9
8,034,000	Ruddle (G.)	171	..	4.7b	2.8	17.5
41.2m	Scusa	105	+13	0.7	0.7	23.5
39.2m	Saxon Oil	230	-8	..	..	..
2,032,000	Scan Data	90	-5	2.9	3.2	7.3
6,716,000	Securiguard	125	-6	2.5	2.0	27.0
6,174,000	Selec TV	46	+5	..	..	..
5,586,000	Sheldon Jones	108	..	6.2	5.8	9.9
8,589,000	Sheraton Sec	14	-½	..	..	87.5
5,283,000	Sinclair W.	85	-8	6.1	7.1	8.6
8,700,000	Sisters Food	150	+2	1.7	1.1	13.1
19.4m	S.W.Resources	72	+14	2.6	3.6	..
14.3m	Sthn Bus Lease	105	..	..	..	27.2
78.1m	Sovereign Oil	217	+23	..	..	..
17.6m	Spring Ram	168	+5	4.3b	2.6	..
6,000,000	Stainless Metal	120	-5	..	..	..
652,000	Stanelco	48	..	..	..	..
4,365,000	Strikes Rests	71	-1	1.9	2.7	..
2,981,000	Sunleigh Elect	13	-2½	..	..	..
1,330,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	95	+5	..	..	..
2,250,000	Technofan SA	£150	-10	1773	11.8	5.9
2,400,000	Tech For Bus	80	..	6.0	7.5	11.1
4,408,000	Tel Serv Int	20	-1½	..e	..	5.8
18.7m	Television Sth	77	+2	..	..	0.1
2,650,000	Thames Inv & Sec	73	..	..	..	..
3,480,000	Therm Scientific	87	..	3.3	3.8	19.5
1,062,000	Thorpac	46	+6	2.9	6.2	..
4,000,000	Tops Estates	80	..	..	..	..
1,575,000	Trident Comp	63	..	2.1	3.4	26.7
35.3m	Tunstall T'com	208	+15	1.6	0.8	..
14.9m	Twinlock	70 h	..	1.3	1.8	23.3
1,090,000	Utd Ceramic	45	..	5.0	11.1	16.9
31.8m	Utd Friendly	210	+7	15.4	7.3	..
2,797,000	Utd Packaging	88	..	2.2	2.5	6.8
3,850,000	V.W.	70	..	4.5	6.5	15.4
10.0m	Webber Electro	233	+1	5.0b	2.1	13.8
8,968,000	Wight Collins H S	280	+2	3.9	1.4	21.3
459,000	Williaire Syst	4	..	..	..	..
14.2m	Wingate Prop	108	..	0.7	0.7	31.8
5,710,000	Yelverton Inv	72	+6	..	..	..
4,900,000	Yorkgreen Inv	28	-1	2.0b	7.1	10.6
580,000	York Mount	58	..	7.1	12.3	6.1
3,626,000	Zygal Dynamics	98	+3	1.1	1.1	25.9

e Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Stock	Per Cent		Buying Yields Price	Flat	GRY
DEBENTURE STOCKS					
Allied-Ly	7¾	88/93	77⅝	9.40	11.12
Bass	8¼	87/92	85⅝	9.71	10.83
BICC	7¾	90/95	81½	9.53	10.93
Blue Circle	9	92/97	87	10.52	11.11
Courtaulds	7	82/87	88⅝	7.98	11.60
Delta Gp	10¾	95/99	94	11.43	11.58
Eng Prop	9¾	97/02	88⅝	11.18	11.38
Euston Cen	10.40	92/97	94½	11.13	11.34
Inv Ind	7¼	88/92	82	9.11	10.83
Land Secs	9	98/01	84½	10.76	11.13
MEPC	12	17	107	11.34	11.32
Trusthse	10½	91/96	96	10.95	11.11
UNSECURED LOANS					
Allied Ly	7¾	93/98	74⅛	10.47	11.38
BOC Group	12¼	12/17	102⅝	12.08	12.05
Barcl Bank	16	02-07	129½*	12.35	12.01
Burmah Oil	8½	91/96	77⅛	11.22	12.32
Imp Brew	10½	90/95	97⅛	11.15	11.41
Distillers	7¼	88/93	77½	9.34	11.15
Distillers	10½	93/98	95½	11.12	11.27
Guard Roy	7	86/91	81	8.93	11.13
Imp Chem	7¼	86/91	79½*	9.05	11.25
Imp Chem	10¾	91/96	99	11.16	11.30
Imp Group	10½	90/95	94⅝	11.10	11.33
Midl Bank	14	02/07	114⅛	12.11	11.80
Nat West	12½	04	110⅝	11.79	11.72
Read Inter	7½	96/01	72½	10.45	11.22
Tilling	8½	89/94	81½	10.42	11.50
Unilever	7¾	91/06	74⅛	10.75	11.18
Whitbread	7¼	95/99	71	10.20	11.17
BULLDOGS					
Denmark	13	05	109	12.43	12.38
Elect de F	12½	08	105½	12.10	12.07
Hydro-Queb	12¾	15	105	12.34	12.33
Nova Scot	16¾	11	133	12.80	12.49
CNA	16	06	128¾	12.53	12.35
TransCan	16½	07	127⅛	13.28	13.09
Cred Fonc	14¾	07	121⅛	12.30	12.16
CONVERTIBLE LOANS					
BOC Group	9	01/06	175	5.120	0.3
Bell (A)	9½	99/01	159	5.968	0.6
B.H.S.	9	92	154	5.808	7.6
Habitat M	9¾	98/01	200	4.714	4.3
Hanson Tst	9¾	01/06	230	4.165	-5.8
Imp Group	8	85/90	98	8.002	-3.5
Rio Tinto	9¼	95/00	127*	7.242	6.7
Thorn EMI	7	92/99	164	6.079	4.0
Land Secs	10	90/95	231	4.252	-3.6

* Ex Dividend
Source: Gilbert Eliott & Co

UNILEVER N.V.
CERTIFICATES FOR ORDINARY SUB-SHARES OF FL.12 ISSUED BY N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE- EN TRUSTKANTOOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EXCHANGES of Sub-Share Certificates in the name of Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited, now MIDLAND BANK TRUST COMPANY LIMITED, for Bearer Certificates and Unilever N.V. New York Shares and vice versa will be SUSPENDED FROM 2nd December 1983 to 15th December 1983 inclusive.

Certificates will only be accepted for exchange after 15th December 1983 provided that all dividends declared prior to that date have been claimed.

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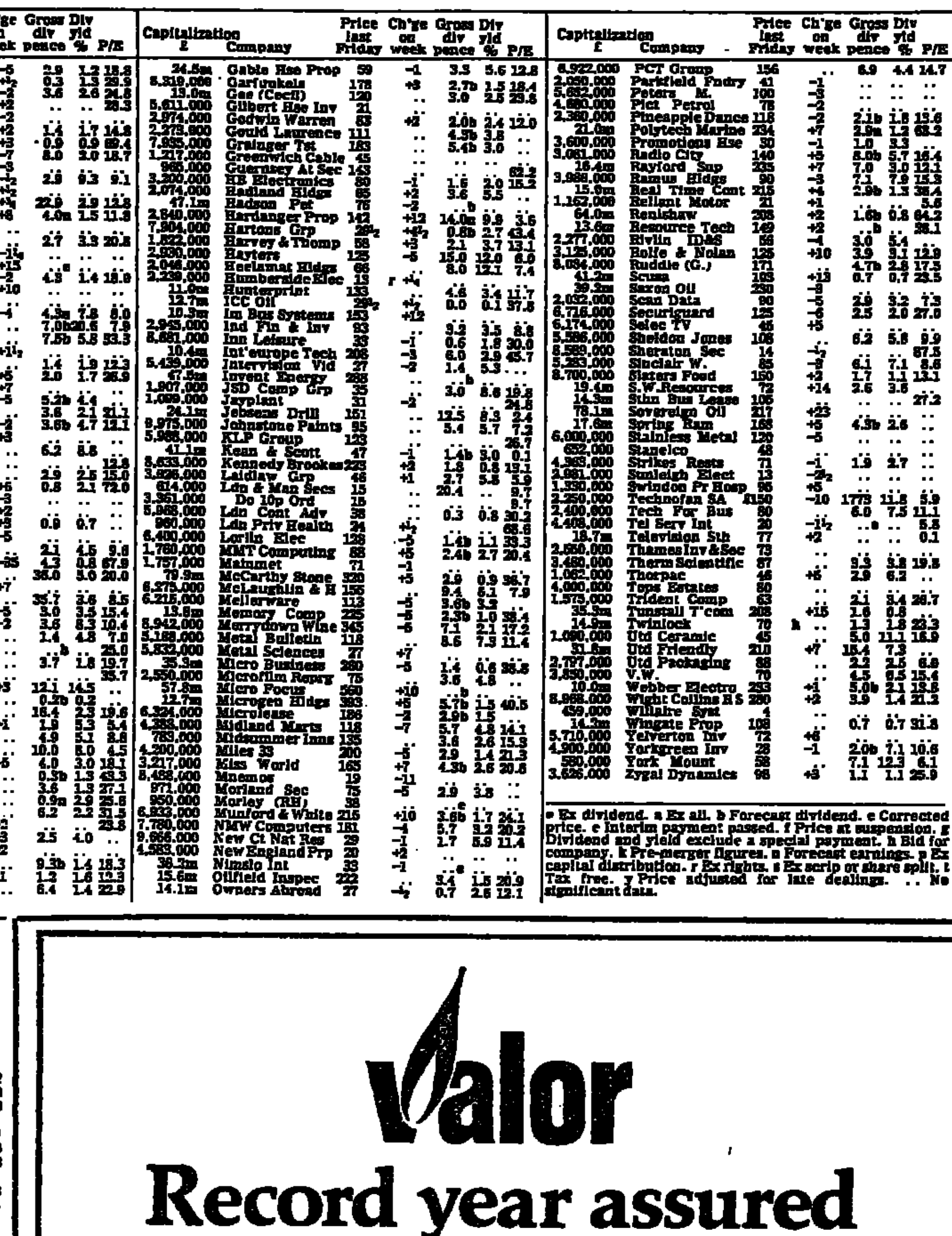
London Transfer Office
Unilever House, Blackfriars
London EC4P 4BQ
10th November 1983

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%: £50,000 and over, 7¼%.



The Berry Trust p.l.c.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1983

Capital Performance	1983	1982
Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share	+61.1%	—12.0%
Market Price of Ordinary Share	+74.2%	—20.0%
Financial Times All Share Index	+29.1%	+ 2.6%
Standard & Poor's Composite Index	+38.9%	+ 8.8%
Tokyo Stock Exchange New Index	+27.9%	—10.0%
Financial Times Actuaries Index of Investment Trusts	+44.7%	— 5.8%
Salient Figures:		
Ordinary Shareholders' interests	£46.87m	£29.04m
Net Asset Value per Ordinary 25p Share	295.1p	183.2p
Revenue available for dividend	£319,367	£293,726
Earnings per Ordinary 25p Share — diluted	2.02p	1.86p
Proposed dividend for the year	1.90p	1.80p

The tables produced by the Association of Investment Trust Companies indicate that for the five years to 31st August 1983 the Company was third place in terms of share appreciation and sixth place as far as total return on net assets is concerned out of the some 200 listed investment trust companies which are members of that organisation.

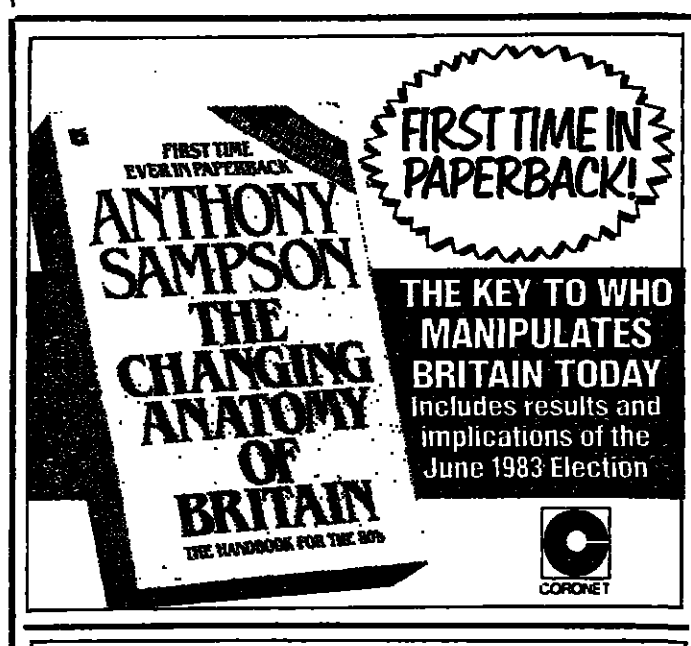
For a copy of the audited 1983 Report and Accounts please write to:

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UNILEVER N.V.

DIVIDEND ON CERTIFICATES FOR ORDINARY CAPITAL
ISSUED BY N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE- EN TRUSTKANTOOR

Interim dividend payments in respect of the year 1983 will be made on or after 20th December 1983 as follows:-

SUB-SHARES OF FL.12
IN THE NAME OF MIDLAND BANK EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED
now MIDLAND BANK TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

A dividend, Serial No 111 of Fl.2·664 per sub-share, equivalent to 60·1015p converted at Fl.4·4325 = £1.

DUTCH DIVIDEND TAX relief is given by certain Tax Conventions concluded by the Netherlands. A resident of a convention country will, generally, be liable to Dutch dividend tax at only 15% (Fl.0·3996, 9·0152p per sub-share) provided the appropriate Dutch exemption form is submitted. No form is required from UK residents if the dividend is claimed within six months from the above date. If the sub-shares are owned by a UK resident and are effectively connected with a business carried on through a permanent establishment in the Netherlands, Dutch dividend tax at 25% (Fl.0·6660, 15·0254p per sub-share) will be deducted and will be allowed as credit against the tax payable on the profits of the establishment. Residents of non-convention countries are liable to Dutch dividend tax at 25%.

UK INCOME TAX at the reduced rate of 15% (9·0152p per sub-share) on the gross amount will be deducted from payments to UK residents instead of at the basic rate of 30%. This represents a provisional allowance of credit at the rate of 15% for the Dutch dividend tax already withheld. No UK income tax will be deducted from payments to non-UK residents who submit an Inland Revenue Affidavit of non-residence in the UK.

To obtain payment of the dividend sub-share certificates must be listed on Listing Forms obtainable from:–

Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Dept., Mariner House, Pepys Street, London, EC3N 4DA

Northern Bank Limited, 2 Waring Street, Belfast BT1 2EE

Allied Irish Banks Limited, Securities Dept., Stock Exchange, Bank Centre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Clydesdale Bank PLC, 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow

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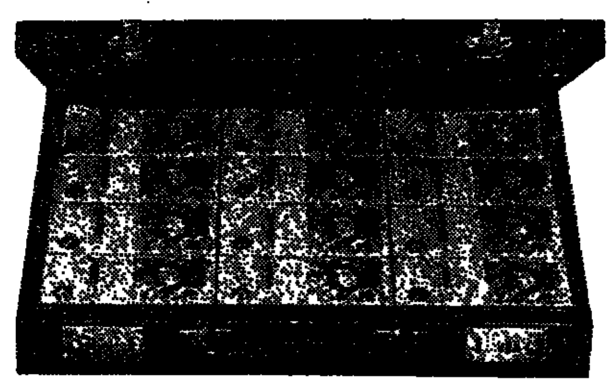
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Horizon slips in the holiday price war

The price war in package holidays still has some way to go. The question is: Which companies are most likely to suffer?

Among the top half dozen tour operators, in terms of Stock Exchange exposure, Horizon Travel and Intasun Leisure are most under pressure. Others ostensibly are cushioned because they are part of a bigger organization.

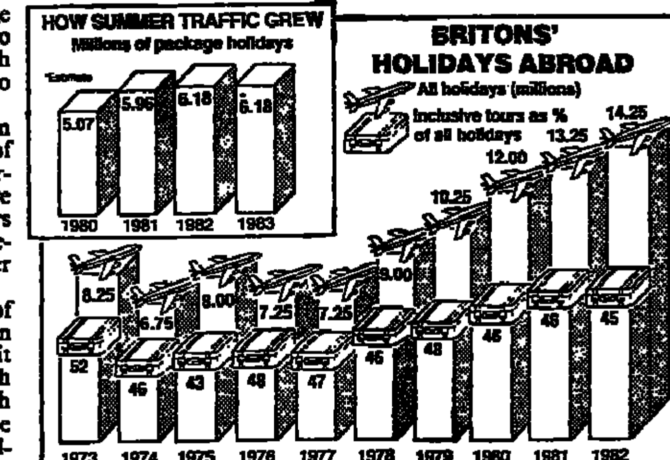
Thomson Holidays is part of the Thomson group although an increasingly important profit contributor; it is the same with Global, part of GUS: British Airways is behind operators like Enterprise and Sovereign, although privatization prospects conceivably add pressure to maintain profits; and Cosmos has its umbilical links with Liechtenstein.

It is Thomson, with Mr John MacNeill in the driving seat, which has been most aggressive so far with traditionally upmarket holidays. This summer it has been generally competitive on price with Intasun, traditionally the main seller on lower prices. A reprint brochure with even lower prices is likely from Thomson next month with Intasun coming in with its unpublished 1984 main brochure even as late as the first few days in January.

Allowance needs to be made, therefore, for tactics in that particular poker game when assessing what combatants have to say, but Harry Goodman, Intasun's forceful chairman, said, somewhat uncharacteristically: "Thomson may beat us on price. But we would then be a close second. Horizon could face dropping substantially to compete".

Horizon has been slow to match the competition of Thomson and Intasun and among the big operators has consequently suffered the most. Mr Bruce Tanner, Horizon's chairman, admits his margins are "a litle lower" and that although turnover in the current financial year is slightly up on annual comparison, profits are down. Analysts are looking to around £11m pretax against more than £14m last time.

Mr Tanner says guardedly the figure will be in excess of £10m. He hopes for a dividend increase again – "but it depends a lot on 1984 trading."



A crucial factor with Horizon is the way it uses its airline, Orion. Some 85 per cent of its carryings are Horizon holidaymakers. There is an obvious problem when the holidays operation loses its way as it has this summer.

Horizon has at last taken steps to diversify its holiday product. Its average holiday price, because of the product mix involving more upmarket holidays, has been running at £270 (these are Horizon's figures). Now it has launched a new label, Broadway.

Horizon looks like a takeover target

Although Horizon is nearer to matching the price-cutters, *and still like Thomson has an* option to reprint its 1984 brochure, it is starting to look like a takeover target.

Intasun has for some time been trying to drive its image more upmarket by improving quality control but the argument for Intasun being interested eventually in Horizon is that it could more quickly give Intasun a bigger slice of the upper tiers of the market.

In the game of brochure bluff now going on Intasun has currently dealt the hand of a 6 per cent interim discount on its 1983 brochure offering. Mr Goodman said: "If we took a 6 per cent drop in prices and there was also no growth for us then our profit margins would be hit, probably by 2 to 3 per cent. But we only need 5 to 6 per cent growth in the main Intasun product – less than we achieved this year – to hit 20 per cent growth for the group as a whole.

The 6 per cent off gambit by the end of October has sold 30,000 package holidays, only 5 per cent of Intasun's projected carryings. Mr Goodman said: "So we lose some bookings – so what? We will pick it all up in January."

The question mark over Intasun is whether it will cut its prices not by 6 per cent but by 10 to 12 per cent, as some in the trade expect. That might affect profits less than one might think. Intasun is still increasing the range of products, and is gearing up subsidiary operations like Lancaster Holidays and Club 18/30. Lower prices should raise volumes on the Intasun in product.

Less than half the carryings on its airline, Air Europe, are accounted for in-house and Air Europe claims a utilization rate above that of Horizon and Thomson's Britannia airline.

It would be easy to nominate possible bidders for Horizon. Only last week Grand Metropolitan added to its travel interests by buying up Travelscene, big in short-break continental holidays. Bass has also been extending its travel interests.

Derek Harris

Markets await an unlikely change

Is the world back on dollar standard?

The behaviour of the dollar in the foreign exchange markets is confounding most observers. About this time in 1981, 1982 and again this year, the consensus forecast in the foreign exchange markets has been that there would be a substantial fall in the value of the dollar because of the deterioration in the US current account.

The Deutschemark rose from 2.70 early in September to almost 2.50 by mid-October but is now back to about 2.70. Since the dollar really took off in 1978-1979, it has risen over 50 per cent against the Deutschemark, 40 per cent against the Swiss franc, 30 per cent against the yen and the pound.

Yet, the US current account has deteriorated sharply since 1981. Then, the current account showed a surplus of $5 billion with a deficit on the trade account of $40 billion. Now it is estimated to show a deficit of approximately $40 billion, with the trade balance $70 billion in deficit.

Moreover, the almost universal expectation is that the trade balance will worsen further next year perhaps to a deficit of 100 billion and with an overall current account deficit of 60 billion.

The fact that the dollar has remained so strong suggests that other more fundamental forces are at work in the system.

Expectation is that the trade balance will worsen

During the second half of the last decade there was a strong movement on the part of central banks and private asset holders to diversify away from the dollar. There was a deterioration in the US current account accompanied by worsening inflation and a growing lack of faith in the perceived willingness of the then US Administration to tackle the problem.

International reserves were rising rapidly over that period with developing countries being able to borrow very large amounts of funds in the international accumulating reserves at a spectacular rate.

Dollar holdings of the central banks of industrial countries fell from 89 per cent of total reserves in 1977 to 79 per cent in the first quarter of 1981 and for non-industrial countries dollar holdings fell from 73 per cent in 1976 to 59 per cent in the first quarter of 1981.

In the Eurodollar markets dollars as a percentage of total Eurocurrency liabilities which had risen to a peak of 80 per cent in 1976, fell rapidly to 72 per cent in 1979.

The proportion of Deutschemarks and yen rose strongly over this period.

But now the philosophy of reserve asset diversification is much less prevalent. Dollars as a percentage of international reserves have risen strongly, and in the Eurodollar market their the position has been totally reversed.

Reserves of developing countries are falling, as are those of Opec nations. In addition, for the first time in its history, the rate of growth of the Eurodollar market has come to a virtual halt.

The change in currency composition and the rates of growth of reserves and the Euro markets may not be unrelated. Reserve asset diversification is much easier at a period of expansion of public and private reserves than in the opposite situation.

The world's trading currency is the dollar and dollar assets are the most liquid of all in the international money markets.

The New York government securities and bank deposit markets have a liquidity which is unmatched in any other markets except the United Kingdom.

The consequence is that when an asset holder experiences falling reserves, there appears to be a tendency to sell non-dollar assets first, using dollars as the base line of defence.

What does this mean for the international financial system? The system was on a dollar standard from the Second World War until the late 1960s.

It was a dollar standard within the context of basically fixed exchange rates which was overtaken by floating exchange rates.

During the period of floating, the dollar became relatively less important as an international reserve asset. That process has now been reversed.

The system is increasingly back on a dollar standard. But, unlike in the 1950s and 1960s it is within the context of a world of floating exchange rates.

The question is whether the United States can continue to finance its current account deficit with ease and whether the dollar can continue to remain strong.

Two forces are pulling in opposite directions. One group of observers argues that the US current account cannot get much worse before the other forces are swamped and so the dollar has to fall.

But if the Eurodollar market continues to show low or negative growth; if reserves in general grow at a modest rate; and if Opec nations continue to run balance of payments deficits, there is every reason to expect a further concentration of international reserves into dollars.

If the second argument is correct, it means that the US current account may deteriorate much further than most observers expect without triggering a fall in the dollar. It also suggests that US interest rates could fall without necessarily impairing the strength of the dollar.

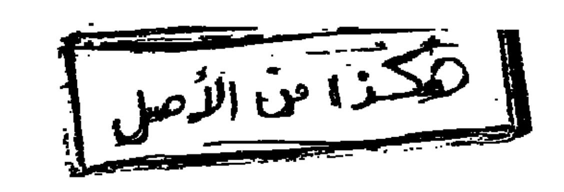
The US current account may perform worse than expected

Such continued strength of the dollar could act as a longer-term damper on economic growth in Western European authorities to lower interest rates because they fear of seeing their currencies will fall even farther.

At some stage, the process will certainly be reversed and then the fall in the dollar could be very dramatic. But not yet.

Geoffrey Bell

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RUGBY UNION: BRAVE SCOTS PLAY TO THEIR STRENGTHS; YOUNG WELSH DISCOVER THEIR WEAKNESSES

Murrayfield is witness to a gripping case of 'not proven'

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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In Scotland there is a legal verdict to suit Saturday's game at Murrayfield: not proven. It has always struck me as an unsatisfactory verdict, just as a drawn game is unsatisfactory. New Zealand, twice with a discernible advantage, were unable to build on it; Scotland, clawing their way back, were not quite good enough to overtake them.

Extending the legal metaphor, New Zealand, like an impassioned defence lawyer pleading his case before the jury retires, provided a maximum exhibition of rugby in the last two minutes to try to snatch victory. That, and the try tally of three to one in the All Blacks' favour, is what lingers in the mind from a match in which New Zealand scored two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a try, five penalties and two dropped goals.

The scoreline hides a telling statistic. How often in this country have we moaned when brilliant British backs have scored the tries, yet the villainous opposition has kicked the goals and won. The boot is on the other foot now: yet one can understand why. Scotland, recognizing opposition strength and their own limitations, played to a well-defined pattern and within that context did exceptionally well.

René Hourquet's performance contributed substantially to a sense of general dissatisfaction. New Zealanders may feel he has it in for them; two years ago he refereed their only defeat on tour in Romania and France, and on Saturday the reasons for his interventions – or lack of them – were not always apparent. A one time the penalty count favoured Scotland by 11-2, which indicates the greater confusion lay with New Zealand.

Yet it was a considerable achievement by Scotland to stay in a game which seemed to be slipping away from them. I doubt whether Laidlaw has played better, and Rutherford constantly forced diagonals. If he did not kick, Laidlaw probed, and linked with his back row. Alternatively Kennedy charged forward to establish a ruck. Whatever the way, Scotland were determined to give New Zealand little on which to capitalise.

New Zealand's best source of possession, untidy though much of it was, came from the lineout. In the loose they were baffled by the close-quarters work of Cuthbertson and Calder. Their frustration showed in the number of foolish penalties they conceded, and Dods punished them for it.

The frustration also extended to the front rows where Aitken and Crichton were at odds, and in an uncharacteristic incident late in the game when Wilson gratuitously trod on Laidlaw's ankle as the scrum half was picking himself up after a tackle.

Rutherford dropped two short range goals and Dods kicked three penalties in the first half. Deans kicked two penalties and a conversion to Fraser's try. Hobbs had scored the first try from a quick throw in by Wilson to Mexted which caught the Scots with their kilts down. Mexted originated the second when he caught Pollock's kick, evaded one tackle, accepted another, but was allowed to launch Donald. Shaw supported and Fraser, for all the world as though he was heading for his favourite corner in Wellington, kicked over Dods and easily won the touch down.

At 16-9 the All Blacks were in charge. At 16-15 they were not. Fraser scored his second try, again after a kick and chase, from an opportunity furnished by Donald and Hobbs. Deans converted, and New Zealand were two scores away again. Indiscipline pulled them back. Dods kicked two penalties, Deans another before Cuthbertson won a lineout. Johnston's subsequent kick was a thing of beauty and Pollock touched down. Dods's conversion, from touch, missed by a matter of inches.

New Zealand's response was electrifying. They ran a penalty from their own 10 metre line, Green winning his first cap as a replacement found unexpected space, Wilson too, and as the forwards drove on, Shaw managed to get over the line. Laidlaw, it was said, was under the ball; in any case the referee signalled a penalty to New Zealand but changed the award on the advice of his touch judge Brian Anderson. Scotland gratefully cleared and leapt to celebrate their second draw with New Zealand.

Highland fling: Smith shows his partners, Calder, Laidlaw, Cuthbertson and Caxton, how to cut out Mexted.

SCOTLAND: P W Dods (Gala); J A Pollock (Gosforth), A E Kennedy (Watsonians), D I Johnston (Watsonians), G R T Baird (Kelso); J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), R J Laidlaw (Jedforest); J Aitken (Gala, capt), C T Deans (Hawick), I G Milne (Heriot's FP), J H Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP) W Cuthberson (Harlequins) T J Smith (Gala), J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), I A M Paxton (Selkirk).
NEW ZEALAND: R M Deans (Canterbury); S Wilson (Wellington, capt), S T Pokere (Sothland), W T Taylor (Canterbury); (rep C I Green, Caterbury), B G Fraser (Wellington); W R Smith (Canterbury), A J Donald (Wanganui); B McGrattan (Wellington), H R Reid (Bay of Plenty), S Crichton (Wellington), M W Shaw (Manawatu), G J Braid (Bay of Plenty), A Anderson (Canterbury), M J B Hobbs (Canterbury), M G Mexted (Wellington).
Referee: R Hourquet (France).

● Stuart Wilson, the All Black captain, will lead the tourists against the South and South West at Bristol tomorrow. Only five players are retained from the team who drew 25-25 with Scotland.

TEAM: K Crowley; S Wilson (capt), S Pokere, C Green, B Smith; I Dunn, D Kirk; K Boroevich, B Wilson, M Davie, A Anderson, A Robertson, G Old, M Mexted, F Shelford.

All Black discipline on the line

The match at Murrayfield could be said to have turned on the decision in injury time which turned a kickable penalty to New Zealand into a penalty to Scotland – though had New Zealand accepted two possible try-scoring chances earlier in the game, it might have proved irrelevant to the result, (David Hands writes).

While Mr Hourquet was awarding the All Blacks a penalty after a maul on the Scottish line, Brian Anderson, one of Scotland's most respected referees, had flagged for an incident a few seconds earlier.

Deans, the New Zealand full back, had dummied his way down the left so successfully that Pollock went into tackle his opposite number, Fraser, on the wing. Fraser, objecting to being tackled without the ball, took a swing at Pollock which did not connect, and it was that which caused Mr Anderson to indicate misconduct under Law 26(3) and the referee to reverse his previous decision.

The New Zealand management were clearly unhappy about both this and the way in which Scottish bodies were allowed to lie in what they considered offside positions.

Rope and Wilson, his captain, clearly felt that Mr Anderson had penalized them for intent rather than for something which had actually happened.

The Scottish Rugby Union discourage their officials from commenting on incidents in matches where they have officiated. But Mr Anderson, whose handling of the Australia v New Zealand game in August attracted praise, did suggest that the All Blacks forwards in that game in Sydney were most knowledgeable about the laws.

Mr Anderson is due to run the line again at Twickenham next Saturday, in the England international, which will be referred by his compatriot, Alan Hosie. There was some suggestion that the tour management might ask for Mr Anderson' removal from the line.

Perfect recipe for disaster

From Chris Thau, Bucharest

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"Six new caps – six points on the board", an upset Welshman remarked with dry humour at the end of the game between Romania and Wales on Saturday. In the first full international to be played by one of the home countries in Bucharest Romania won after an astonishing display of forward power by a goal, three tries and two penalty goals to two penalties.

Outplayed in the lineout and ruck, mauled mercilessly by an enormous-looking pack, the Welsh suffered the indignity of their worst defeat away from home since 1969. If one adds to that the abysmal form of the Welsh and British Lions fullback, Gwyn Evans – who missed four relatively easy penalties within five minutes – one has the perfect recipe for disaster.

The game between "youth and experience", as it had been labelled here, showed without any shade of doubt that a pack cannot do without a core of hardened veterans. In this respect Squire, Norster and Graham Price were sorely missed. The experience of the Romanians was a decisive factor, with the remarkable George Dumitru having more caps under his belt – 52 – than the whole Welsh team together.

While the scrum was more or less even – although the Romanian hooker Munteanu won a decisive strike against the head under his own posts – the lineout was a disaster area for the Welsh. With four men over 6ft 5in, Caragea, Dumitru, Radulescu and Constantin, the Romanians managed to starve the talented Welsh three-quarters. Their dominance was such that even the two-man lineouts on Wales's own throw-ins provided Romania with attacking ball.

"With the No 4 jumper in the lineout the outcome could have been different," Ray Williams, the WRV secretary, said after the game.

During the first 20 minutes the pressure on the Welsh was overwhelming. They managed to cross the line into Romanian territory only after 15 minutes. Alexandru, the Romanian stand-off half whose tactical kicking played an influential role, kicked an early penalty and missed the first of his three attempted dropped goals.

After 20 minutes Paraschiv kicked ahead, Murariu followed, tackled Evans and the loose ball was picked up by Caragea who scored near the posts for Alexandru to convert.

During the following 20 minutes the Welsh fought back with their backs in top gear, but Evans managed to convert only one of five penalties.

The 7-3 score at half-time offered no clue of the onslaught which was to follow. Immediately afterwards Evans missed another penalty but Alexandru was on target with his.

Twenty-three minutes into the second half Dacey left the field, injured, and he was replaced by Richards. The Welsh response became increasingly hectic. Murariu scored a try, and Alexandru converted it. A few minutes later Hadley was tackled in possession and Paraschiv combined cleverly on the blind side with Algea, who went over.

The fourth and most glorious Romanian try was scored from a lineout on the left ending with Lungu going over on the right. Now Rumania prepare for the visiting Russians next weekend and for the games against France in December.

ROMANIA: C Ion; S Fuicu, A Lungu, M Marghescu, M Aldea; D Alexandru, M Paraschiv (capt), I Bucan, M Munteanu, V Pascu, F Murariu, G Dumitru, G Caragea, A Radulescu, S Constantin.
WALES: G Evans (Maesteg); M Titley (Bridgend), R Ackerman (London Welsh), B Bowen (South Wales Police), A Hadley (Cardiff); M Dacey (rep Richards, Swansea), R Giles (Aberavon); J Eidman (Cardiff), D Pickering (Llanelli), J Perkins (Pontypool), T Shaw (Newbridge), M Brown (Pontypool), E Butler (Pontypool, capt).
Referee: J-C Yché (France).

Spokesmen upset as events go against them

Turn deaf ear to players who want to manipulate rules

With the clove-like smell of autumn leaves and moist turf lingering as sweet as a girl's perfume in the damp air, and the new East stand giving Murrayfield a shiny modern cleanliness, the visit of the All Blacks added to that mood at which Edinburgh among British cities seems too excel: an eagerness to enjoy itself.

We had, indeed, a marvellous match, not classic but with the All Blacks being pulled back three times from a seven-point lead for that ultimate crescendo of noise and excitement. It was a pity that afterwards the New Zealanders could only grumble about the referee and touch judges while pretending not to.

There is a tendency in all sports these days for players to complain about the rules, the relevance of which they knew before they started, when they believe events have gone against them. There were other such instances over the weekend in tennis and football.

New Zealand's coach, Bryce Rope, and captain, Stu Wilson, seem to be of the opinion that touch judges have no business to be involved in decisions on foul play. They further claim that Fraser, who had scored two excellent tries, was unjustly penalized for "intent", when it looked to most of us that the foul, such as it was, in retaliation for a tackle committed by a dummy pass, was hardly severe.

Certainly the referee was not the best, yet the only reason touch judges have been brought into disciplinary prominence is that there is regrettably a need for it in an often violent game where the single referee cannot see everything. If he saw Murray Mexted stamping in a ruck, he missed Bert Anderson's desperately late tackle on Gavin Baird.

Nobody wants to emasculate a hard game which the All Blacks have always played harder than anyone, but for Rope to say he cannot coach a team to cope with the decisions of line judges is beside the point. The intention is that they should detect foul play, and if that affects the result, then players will presumably be subsequently more cautious.

It cannot be an exaggeration to say that the more alert the officials are to misdeeds, the fewer there will be, and the fewer penalties. Such place kicking is the most tedious aspect of rugby. The Union code is still a long way behind the handling standard memorably exhibited by the Australian League side last year.

Sportsmen are never the best judges of what is good for those who pay to watch them, as Connors and McEnroe demonstrated at Wembley last week. Connors demands that players should be free to swear the way other "workers" do, without being fined, or the leading players such as he, Gerulaitis and McEnroe will go and play exhibitions, and the public will be "only left with the tennis". Well, some of us might enjoy that.

McEnroe, complaining about smoking at the Wembley Arena, thinks it is not too much to ask people "to give it up for a couple of hours". We think the same about some of his behaviour on court.

Of course it is right for players to have a view on referees' or umpires' behaviour, just as much as Stu Wilson has, or Connors. Too much in the past players' opinions have never been sought by insular administrations. But now we are going the other way, with performers looking not for rules which might improve the game but the avoidance of rules which inhibit their excesses.

Connors, you will remember, refused to appear some several years ago at the Wimbledon Centre Court parade of champions because he was knocking up. No sport should be manipulated by the wishes of players simply because they happen to be currently at the top. In too many instances these days it is unfortunately a good reason not to listen to them.

Where would we all be if we allowed our judgment to be ruled by Brian Clough? Yesterday he was busily publishing in a Sunday newspaper, presumably for money under his signature, the text of a petulant letter to Ted Croker, written only three days previously: a juxtaposition which invites speculation as to the purpose of the firstt in relation to the second.

Clough was allegedly annoyed by the FA' letter to him, which politely suggested that public comments by him – that he would have liked to kick one of his own players, Hodge, for time wasting – did not enhance the image of the game. Not the most terrible thing Clough has ever done, to be sure, but a letter from the FA with good intentions.

In his reply Clough abuses Croker, and claims that he should be left to control the best interests of Hodge while learning his trade with me; thereby missing the point that the FA are concerned not with Hodge but with Clough. It must be hoped that Hodge will in time learn that while his employer may know a great deal about football, he is less than the best authority on tact and public decorum.

David Miller

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Halliday has everything to lose

By Nicholas Keith

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A rousing Somerset victory by a try and two penalty goals to a dropped goal and two penalties in the county championship at Bridgwater on Saturday earned them a home place in the semi-finals at Bath against Yorkshire on November 26. If they maintain the form they showed in the second half, Somerset must fear no team left in the championship, which is sponsored by Thorn-EMI.

Somerset's elation was edged with sadness at the loss of their England centre, Simon Halliday, who sustained a broken ankle in the first half and is expected to miss the rest of the season. This was a personal tragedy for Halliday who was to have played for the South West against the All Blacks tomorrow and was in line for an England cap against New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday. Before going to hospital, his parting words to Derek Morgan, the chairman of England selectors, were that he would be back.

Middlesex were enjoying their best period of the match when Halliday was injured. Their back row was working sweetly and they seemed to have won the battle up front. They had survived a powerful start by Somerset, in which Palmer had scored a penalty and Horton had hit a post with an attempted drop at goal.

Bryan dropped a goal for Middlesex after half an hour and Stringer kicked two penalties. But, crucially as it turned out, Stringer missed another simple penalty just before half time.

At the interval, Horton, the captain, rallied his West Country cohorts. He insisted on a tighter tactical approach and Somerset began the second half with renewed vigour. After 10 minutes, their new hooker, Bess, won a heel against the head and Hill, the scrum half, broke through to give Horton a scoring pass for the only try of the match.

However, Palmer missed the straightforward conversion and there followed an anxious period in which he failed with two penalties and Horton saw two drops at goal go wide.

At last Palmer succeeded with a penalty from 20 metres and the home crowd held their breath as Middlesex counter-attacked. Cardus made two storming breaks (one of them was stopped by an unexpectedly good tackle from Horton) and Middlesex missed an obvious opportunity for a drop at goal at the end when they held the ball too long in the scrummage near the Somerset line and lost control.

Yet Somerset were worthy winners. Three of their forwards deserve special mention: Stiff was outstanding in the line-out; his fellow lock, Hakin, and Simpson, the No 8, were both leonine in the loose.

In three final appearances before the war, Somerset always played at home but their only success was in 1923. Who is to say that they cannot repeat their success of 60 years ago?

SOMERSET (Bath unless stated): C Ralston; D Trick, J Palmer, S Halliday (replacement N Hopkins, Weston-Super-Mare), G Williams (Bristol); J Horton (capt), R Hill; G Chilcott, G Bess, R Lee, R Spurrell, P Stiff (Bristol), R Hakin, J Hall, P Simpson.
MIDDLESEX: N Stringer (Wasps); A Dent (Harlequins), R Cardus (Wasps), A Thompson (Harlequins), M Williams (Wasps); T Bryan (Met Police), J Cullen (Wasps); P Curtiss (Rosslyn Park), J Olver, M Claxton (both Harlequins), K Bowring (London Welsh), R Riddell, N O'Brien, D Cooke, C Butcher (all Harlequins).
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

County line-up

SEMI-FINALS: Gloucestershire v Middlesex; Somerset v Yorkshire.
FIRST DIVISION: relegation play-offs: Northumberland v Devon; Lancashire v Surrey.
SECOND DIVISION: promotion play-offs: Notts, Lincs and Derby v Cornwall; Kent v Durham. Relegation play-offs: North Midlands v Cheshire; Hertfordshire v Warwickshire.
THIRD DIVISION: promotion play-offs: Leicestershire v Eastern Counties; Cumbria v Staffordshire. Relegation play-offs: Sussex v East Midlands; Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire.
Matches to be played on November 26.

West country drinks to Twickenham showdown

By Bryan Stiles

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West country rugby is whipping itself into a fervour for what it sees as an overdue clash of the giants in the county championship final. Well before the final whistle sounded in this match on Saturday the question of how neighbours Somerset were faring in their game was buzzing around Kingsholm.

When the word came later that Somerset, like Gloucestershire, had won to finish top of their group and gain ground advantage in the semi-finals there was much quaffing of west country ale in the belief that the two sides are at last destined to meet in the final at Twickenham.

Under the old county championship set-up where counties played in divisional areas it was impossible for them both to reach the final, but the revamped system allows the more powerfl teams through. Yesterday's results give Gloucestershire home advantage over Middlesex in the semi-final and Somerset will be on their own soil against Yorkshire.

Gloucestershire were certainly in no doubt that they would dispose of Yorkshire on Saturday. After an early flurry from the northerners the rugged Gloucestershire pack took over and their side sailed comfortably to victory by one goal two tries and three penalty goals to two penalty goals.

For the first 20 minutes it looked as if the robust Yorkshire forwards would spring a surprise. They surged all over Gloucestershire territory like white horses charging at the home line, goaded on by probing kicks from the half-back pair of Old and Jarzyna.

It was a fearsome assault that had those who had made the long trip south believing that their side could clinch victory. But the hardy stock of Gloucester are used to weathering such squalls. The home pack may initially have missed the controlling influence of their splendid captain Rafter, who was out injured, but once they found the measure of their opponents they dictated much of what happened.

They had Orwin, the RAF corporal, back in the ranks after his sending off against Middlesex recently. He had played only one game – for Gloucester seconds – since then, but he fully justified his selection. But his appearance reminded everyone of the ugly brawl at Sunbury and prompted the hope that when the teams meet in the semi-final there will be no repetition.

There was certainly no unsavoury play on Saturday as both teams contributed to a fine flowing game. Yorkshire's scoring contribution was two penalty goals by Old. He is a shrewd and skilful campaigner but at 38 he lacks the driving power of the young Gloucestershire stand off Barnes, who kicked two penalty goals and converted a try.

Hesford collected a pushover try for Gloucestershire to give them a ten-six lead at the interval and Carr, their high-striding winger, burst through for two delightful tries in the second half.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: S Hogg (Bristol); A Morley (Bristol), R Kabbs (Bristol), R Mogg (Gloucester), J Carr; S Barnes, R Harding (capt), (all Bristol); M Preedy, S Mills, P Blakeway, J Gadd, J Fidler, J Orwin (all Gloucester), W Hone (Bristol), R Hesford (Bristol).
YORKSHIRE: D Norton (Headingley); M Harrison, S Townend (both Wakefield), S Burnhill (Roundhay), R Underwood (Leicester); A Old (Sheffield, capt), H Jarzyna (Morley); P Huntsman (Headingley), B Coyne (Middlesbrough), J Tinker (Harrogate), P Buckton (Liverpool), P Jones (Nottingham), R Walters (Huddersfield), P Winterbottom (Headingley), P Lockyer (Moseley).
Referee: R Parker (North Midlands).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abingdon 4, Marlborough 16; Austin Friars 31, Queen Elizabeth, Hexham 16; Bancroft's 14, Colchester RGS 10; Bedford Modern 3, Loughborough GS 14; Belmont Abbey 40, Old Swinford Hospital 9; Berkhamsted 22, UCS 0; Bishop Wordsworth 16, Wycliffe 6; Bishops Stortford 39, Framlingham 9; Bloxham 16, Dean Close 7; Blundell's 44, Canford 7; Bristol GS 11, Worcester RGS 14; Caterham 0, Hurstpierpoint 6; Cheshunt 0, Alleyne's, Stevenage 31; Chiswick 9, Wallington HS 0; Churchers 12, Lord Wandsworth 13; Colfe's 15, St Mary's, Sidcup 3; Colston's 0, Prior Park 13; Denstone 45, Worksop 0; Downside 6, Sherborne 21; Dulwich 21, Whitgift 3; Durham 6, Sedbergh 13; Eastbourne 0, Sevenoaks 0; Eltham 25, Gravesend GS 12; Eton 13, Pangbourne 3; Felsted 8; King's Canterbury 3; Giggleswick 0, Stonyhurst 16; Glyn 4, London Oratory 44. Mount St Mary's 6, Trent College 17; Newcastle-under-Lyme 23, Bromsgrove 4; North Leamington 22, John Cleveland 8; Nottingham H S 48, Abbot Beyne 0; Oakham 16, Ratcliffe 4; Oundle 23, Stowe 3; Perse 38, Newport 0; Pocklington 12, Bradford G S 4; Queen Mary's Walsall 8 Babiake 9; Reed's 8, Brighton 13; Reigate G S 3, Epsom 7; Rochester Math 6, Dartford G S 17; Ruthin 4, Adams G S 9; Rydal 6, King's Macclesfield 10; Ryde, Isle of Wight 0, King Edward VI, Southampton 15; St Albans 20, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 0; St Bartholomew's, Newbury 6, Reading 19; St Benedict's Ealing 8, John Fisher 24; St Dunstan's 17, K C S Wimbledon 6; St Edmund's Ware 16, S Ignatius, Enfield 13; St Edward's, Oxford 12, Rugby 17; St John's Leatherhead 9, St George's Weybridge 0.

Lancashire fusillade

By Michael Stevenson

Lancashire	30
Devon	14

Lancashire's county championship victory over Devon at Fylde by four goals and two penalty goals to two tries and two penalty goals did not result in general rejoicing. One old international said: "We were watching two poor team."

It this assessment appears unduly harsh, it must be remembered that Lancashire have lost their two other county matches; and in recent years they have lost the services of Cotton, Beaumont, Neary and Creed. The principal faults apparent on Saturday concerned the sketchiness of their support play forward (though Hitchen, on his first appearance, was an outstanding exception) and the customary tendency to over-elaborate in midfield (though the two newcomers, Phillips and Jeffrey, at stand-off half centre, did many good things).

On the credit side, Lowdon is playing better than ever at full back; the England lock, Syddall, when not taking breathers at outside centre, is back almost to his best form; and Lancashire's distinguished wings, Slemen and Carleton, in their captivatingly contrasting styles, are as much a pleasure as ever to watch on the rare occasions that they are allowed the ball.

Hopelessly outweighted forward, Devon managed to provide glimpses of the best rugby of the match. Norris, a rubbery non-stop variety act at flanker, and Harris, at prop, impressed, as did their sharp and enterprising wing, Drewett. Only their lineout calls needed clarification. Whenever "Guinness" was called Lancashire always won the ball; "Guinnless" would have been more appropriate.

LANCASHIRE: S Lowdon (Sale); J Carleton (Orrell), I Jeffrey (Liverpool), A J Wright (Lymm), M A C Slemen (Liverpool); A Philips, S J Smith (both Sale); D Taborn (Fylde), N Hitchen, D Southern (both Orrell), K Moss (Liverpool), J P Syddall (Waterloo), I McKie (Sale), L Connor (Waterloo), M Webster (Orrell).
DEVON: F Wilson (Torquay Athletic); N Beggs (Brixham), S Donovan (Exeter), J Meakin (Devon and Cornwall Police), P Drewett (Exeter); C Gabbitass, K Cornwall (both Plymouth Albion); D Sole (Exeter University), B Priday, T Harris (both Exeter), K Norris (Plymouth Albion), C Pinnegar (Wasps), A Hopgood (Exeter), rep. M Hucking (Plymouth Albion), J Macklin (London Scottish), P Westgate (Exeter).
Referee: J A F Trigg (London).

CLUB REVIEW

Universities with a common complaint

By Gordon Allan

The universities are having plenty of practice at being good losers this term – and little wonder, considering their problems with injured players. Cambridge stayed at home on Saturday, when Leicester beat them 35-16; Oxford travelled to Blackheath who won 24-12.

Dodge and Evans scored three tries each for Leicester in a match that filled the crowd with enthusiasm. Canning and Bailey scored tries for Cambridge and Breddy kicked a conversion and two penalties.

Bailey, the Cambridge captain, said that their midfield triangle had never played together before, which was asking for trouble against Cusworth, Woodward and Dodge. He praised the Cambridge forwards, who played well in tight and loose. Out of action for Cambridge are four or five players whose chances of appearing at Twickenham are no better than 50-50.

Oxford, for whom Coleman returned to midfield, said they should have won because Blackheath put out what amounted to a reserve side. The Oxford forwards played well, the backs less so. MacNeill, their captain, dropped a goal with his left foot, Findlay scored a try and Pearson kicked a penalty and a conversion.

Oxford should be at something resembling full strength against Stanley's team on Wednesday, with Barnes at stand-off half and Crowe possibly returning on the wing after injury.

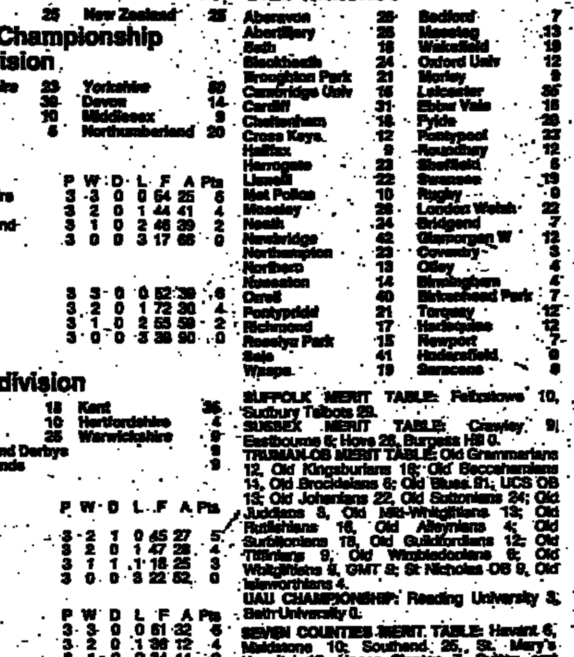
Another team with an extensive casualty list are Moseley. Martin Cooper, their chairman of selectors, says they are almost keeping one Birmingham hospital in business with cartilages and the like. In spite of this, they beat London Welsh 28-22 at the Reddings after being 12-3 down.

The Welsh too made a recovery, from 12-24 to 22-24, before Viny, Moseley's sixth-choice scrum half, scored his second try to settle the argument. Hunter, on the wing, also scored two tries for Moseley and Meanwell and Metcalfe shared the goal kicks. Cooper reckons that Moseley have an exciting young back division whose main weakness, inexperience, is no fault of theirs, but does tend to find them out, particularly in away games.

Playing for the first time on their levelled and reseeded pitch at Roehampton, Rosslyn Park beat Newport 15-7.

WEEKEND RESULTS





Tour Match

Scotland	25	New Zealand	25

County Championship
First division

Gloucestershire	23	Yorkshire	6
Lancashire	30	Devon	14
Somerset	10	Middlesex	9
Surrey	6	Northumberland	20

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucestershire	3	3	0	0	64	25	6
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	44	41	4
Northumberland	3	1	0	2	46	39	2
Surrey	3	0	0	3	17	66	0

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Somerset	3	3	0	0	52	39	6
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	72	30	4
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	55	59	2
Devon	3	0	0	3	38	90	0

Second division

Cheshire	18	Kent	36
Cornwall	10	Hertfordshire	4
Durham	25	Warwickshire	9
Notts, Lincs and Derbys	9	North Midlands	9

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts, Lincs and Derbys	3	2	1	0	45	27	5
Durham	3	2	0	1	47	28	4
N Midlands	3	1	1	1	18	25	3
Warwickshire	3	0	0	3	22	52	0

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kent	3	3	0	0	61	32	6
Cornwall	3	2	0	1	36	12	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	34	44	2
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	34	77	0

Third division

Buckinghamshire	7	East Midlands	7
Cumbria	18	Eastern Counties	6
Leicestershire	38	Oxfordshire	9
Staffordshire	10	Sussex	7

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicestershire	3	3	0	0	60	16	6
Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	51	18	4
Sussex	3	1	0	2	29	28	2
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	12	92	0

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cumbria	3	3	0	0	48	17	6
E Counties	3	1	1	1	33	28	3
Buckinghamshire	3	0	2	1	18	23	2
E Midlands	3	0	1	2	24	51	1

Fourth division

Hampshire	21	Dorset and Wilts	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hampshire	3	2	0	1	44	18	4
Dorset & Wilts	4	2	0	2	42	52	4
Berkshire	3	1	0	2	32	48	2

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Ipswich 19, Brentwood 4; Sudbury 11, North Walsham 10; Wanstead 3, Eton Manor 38.
DORSET/WILTS LEAGUE, Premier division: Weymouth 10, Swanage and Wareham 16.
HANTS MERIT TABLE: Eastleigh 18, Gosport and Fareham 12.
HERTS MERIT TABLE: Bishop's Stortford 3, Barnet 10; Cheshunt 27, Old Albanians 6; Hemel Hempstead 0, Bacavians 19; Old Verulamians 6, Letchworth 22.
KENT MERIT TABLE: Charlton Park 16, Medway 3; Park House 15, Canterbury 0.
NORFOLK LEAGUE: West Norfolk 20, Lakenham Hewett 7.

Club matches

Aberavon	28	Bedford	7
Abertillery	25	Maesteg	13
Bath	16	Wakefield	10
Blackheath	24	Oxford Univ	12
Broughton Park	21	Morley	9
Cambridge Univ	16	Leicester	35
Cardiff	31	Ebbw Vale	15
Cheltenham	18	Fylde	28
Cross Keys	12	Pontypool	22
Halifax	9	Roundhay	12
Harrogate	23	Sheffield	6
Llanelli	22	Swansea	19
Met Police	10	Rugby	9
Moseley	28	London Welsh	22
Neath	24	Bridgend	7
Newbridge	42	Glamorgan W	12
Northampton	29	Coventry	3
Northern	13	Otley	4
Nuneaton	14	Birmingham	4
Orrell	40	Birkenhead Park	7
Pontypridd	21	Torquay	12
Richmond	17	Harlequins	12
Rosslyn Park	15	Newport	7
Sale	41	Huddersfield	9
Wasps	19	Saracens	6

SUFFOLK MERIT TABLE: Felixstowe 10, Sudbury Talbots 29.
SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Crawley 9, Eastbourne 6; Hove 28, Burgess Hill 0.
TRUMAN-OB MERIT TABLE: Old Grammarians 12, Old Kingsburians 16; Old Beccehamians 14, Old Brockleians 6; Old Blues 31, UCS OB 13; Old Johanians 22, Old Suttonians 24; Old Judeans 3, Old Mill-Whitgiftians 13; Old Ruttishians 16, Old Alleynians 4; Old Surbitonians 16, Old Guildfordians 12; Old Tiffinians 9, Old Wimbledonians 6; Old Whitgiftians 4, GMT 8; St Nicholas OB 9, Old Isleworthians 4.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Reading University 3, Bath University 0.
SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Havant 6, Maidstone 10; Southend 25, St Mary's Hospital 12; Upper Clapton 7, Sutton and Epsom 20; Woodford 12, Sidcup 17.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Salisbury 18, Staines 15.
NORTHERN: Aspatria 13, West Park 13; Aspull 20, Tyldesley 6; Blackburn 21, Southport 22; Blaydon 9, Percy Park; Bradford and Bingley 10, Headingley 6; Bramley 24, Oldham 3; Broughton Park 21, Morley 9; Caldy 11, Sefton 6; Cheltenham 18, Fylde 28; Chester 12, Carlisle 9; Cockermouth 18, Sedgley Park 13; Davenport 13, Widnes 19; Durham City 18, Hartlepool Rovers 16; Eccles 31, Liverpool Collegiate 10; Halifax 9, Roundhay 12; Harrogate 23, Sheffield 6; Ilkley 3, Upper Wharfedale 30; Kendal 22, Heaton Moor 12; Kersal 3, Rochdale 17; Keswick 31, Millom 4; Leigh 0, Keighley 20; Lymm 20, Dudley 6; Northern 13, Otley 4; Preston Grasshoppers 45, Manchester 7; Ruthin 22, Winnington Park 10; Vale of Lune 19, Furness 6; Wallasey 19, Oldershaw 6; Warrington 11, Wigan 12; Wilmslow 18, West Hartlepool 6.
CORNWALL CUP: St Austell 6, Saltash 6.
BASS MERIT TABLE: Weston-super-Mare 29, Penryn 12.
DEVON MERIT TABLE: Teignmouth 148, Brixham 10; Crediton 8, Exmouth 28.
CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Newquay 34, Truro 4.
OTHER MATCHES: St Ives 15, Devon and Cornwall Police 3; Sideford 15, Wellington 6; Totnes 21, Dartmouth 0; Exeter 31, Tiverton 9; Pontypridd 21, Torquay 12; Barnstaple 17, Devonport Services 6; Crewkerne 3, Minehead 10; Paignton 9, Falmouth 6.

Yesterday

International match
France 15 Australia 15
Club match
New Brighton 12 Waterloo 27
KENT CUP: First round: Sidcup 30, Tonbridge 3.

A levelling from down under

Clermont-Ferrand (AFP). – Australia held France to a 15-15 draw in the first of their internationals here, yesterday. The sides meet again in Paris next Saturday.

It was a hard physical, forward confrontation with neither side able to bring their talented backs into the game, but the Australians must have been pleased to hold the French after losing their last two games against provincial sides.

Lescarboura, stand-off half, back in the French XV after missing last season's five nations' tournament through injury, contributed 12 of the French points, with three penalties and a dropped goal.

Gallion, having settled his dispute with the selectors, was also back at scrum half after a three-year absence. He looked an improvement on other French scrum halves of the last couple of seasons, although he put in only one of his famous breaks from the scrum.

Australia caught the French by surprise at the start. Mark Ella, captain, dropped a goal after only three minutes after the French lost possession in a ruck.

Lescarboura levelled the score with a penalty for offside after 12 minutes and put the French ahead seven minutes later with another penalty for offside.

Lafond, one of three new caps in the French side, increased the lead to 9-3 with a dropped goal after 23 minutes. Then Hillhouse reduced the deficit with a penalty. After the interval Roche scored the only try of the match, converted by Campese.

Lescarboura pulled France back into the game after Roche's try with a penalty on the hour and then an enormous dropped goal from the halfway line. But just as the French appeared to be getting the upper hand, Hawker dropped his goal after juggling with the ball after a scrum 20 metres out in front of the posts.

Both sides bore little resemblance to the teams that last met in Sydney two years ago. France had eleven changes from that 24-14 defeat and Australia 10.

AUSTRALIA: R Gould; D Campese, G Ella, M Hawker, B Moon; M Ella (captain), D Vaughan; A McIntyre, M McBain, J Coolican, S Poidevin, E Williams, J Hillhouse, C Roche, S Tuynman.
FRANCE: J-B Lafond; P Lagisquet, D Codorniou, P Sella, P Estève; J Lescarboura, J Gallion; J-P Garuet, P Dintrans, M Cremaschi, D Erbani, J Condom, D Erbani, C Orso, J-P Rives (captain), J-L Joinel.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes irresistible

By Keith Macklin

Few people will be prepared now to gainsay Widnes for the championship after their brilliant 30–0 defeat of Hull at Naughton Park yesterday.

In the match between the league's most successful sides Widnes were irresistible, particularly in an exhilarating second half display which had the 6,297 crowd roaring with delight. Two reserve players, John Myler and Whitfield, played outstanding roles. Myler, brother of the international half back Tony, took on the mantle of the injured Adams as ball distributor and touch kicker, while Whitfield came on as substitute in the first half and ran like a stag.

Also outstanding in a superb team performance by Widnes was Basnett, the powerful left winger, whose forceful finishing brought him three tries and underlined strongly his claim for a place on next summer's tour to Australasia.

Hughes scored two tries, and Dowd one, while John Myler landed two goals and Burke one against a Hull side, who suffered their worst defeat for years.

Fulham crashed again away from home, losing 42-10 against Hull Kingston Rovers. Worse for Fulham was the fact that their hooker John Dalgreen was sent off and compounded his felony by appearing to manhandle the referee and have a fierce altercation with the Fulham player-manager, Reg Bowden. Rovers were again in tremendous attacking form and eight tries cme from Hall (2), Watkinson, Prohm, G Smith, Laws, Lazenby and Kelly, with Fairbairn kicking five goals.

GREAT BRITAIN: A Bailey (St Patrick's); J McGowan (Dewsbury Celtic), C Andrews (Beecroft), M Collinson (NDLB), S Critchenden (Ace); P Dagnan (Myson), G Golby (Holker Pioneers); T Wheeler (Lock Lane), A Brown (Lock Lane), D O'Connor (Yewtree), T Cotgrave (Leigh MW), T Diskin (Dewsbury Celtic), J Bowden (Millom, capt).
NEW ZEALAND MAORIS: N Wright; D Ulugia, J Ropati, D Bell, L Kupe; R O'Regan, C Friend; R Cowan, T Clark, I Bell, O Wright, K Schaumkel, H McGahon.
Referee: D Carter (Widnes).

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

KOBE, JAPAN: US v Japan: Third day: Singles (US names first): H Irwin bt T Nakamura, 71-72; D Graham lost to Y Hagawa, 78-71; J Miller bt S Fujiki, 67-79; T Kite bt T Sughara, 69-72; B Crenshaw bt M Kuramoto, 69-76; C Peete bt I Aoki, 70-75; L Wadkins drew with K Arai, 70-70; H Sutton bt T Nakajima, 73-76. Final day: D Graham lost to S Fujiki, 73-74; H Sutton lost to M Kuramoto, 70-73; H Irwin lost to I Nakajima, 65-71; L Wadkins lost to I Aoki, 72-73; C Peete lost to T Soghiara, 72-74; B Crenshaw lost to T Nakamura, 72-81; T Kite bt Y Kagawa, 74-77; J Miller drew with K Arai, 78-78. Final leading scores: 141: Nakajima 76, 65. 142: Irwin 71, 71. 143: Wadkins 70, 73; Kite 69, 74; Miller 67, 76. Match result: US 29pts, Japan 19pts.

MELBOURNE: Final leading scores Victoria PGA: (Australian unless stated): 280: V Somers, 71,71,67,71. 281: J Lister (NZ), 65,69,74,73. 283: B Shaw, 72,73,69,69. 284: M Colandro (US), 72,71,68,73. 285: I Baker-Finch, 71,70,72,72; B Shearer, 72,70,73,70. 287: C Tickner, 72,68,74,73; G Merrick, 68,74,72,73; I Stanley, 72,73,72,70; S Besse (NZ), 69,73,72,73.

HANNO, JAPAN: Ladies Japan Classic: Final leading scores (US unless stated): 206: P Bradley, 72,70,64. 212: L Rinker, 68,70,74. 214: T Ojeko (Japan), 72,71,71. 215: A Alcott, 71,74,70. 218: D Caponi, 73,70,73. 217: Carner, 71,74,72; R Jones, 74,71,72.

VOLLEYBALL

Scottish League: Men: Division 1: Falkirk 1, Dundee Kerlcon 3; Airdrie 0, West Coast 2; Team T.A.K. 3, D.V.81 2; Bellshill Cardinals 2, Murray International Metal 3; Whitburn 2, Paisley 3. Women: Division 1: Kyle 3, Whitburn 2; Larbert High School FP 3, West Coast Women 2; Telford Tigers 0, Interclyde 3; Sports Conscious 1, Carluke 3; Telford 3, Auchentoshan 0.

BASKETBALL

National Association: Friday: Dallas Mavericks 112, San Antonio Spurs 105; Los Angeles Lakers 119, Phoenix Suns 105; Seattle Supersonics 104, Atlanta Hawks 93; Philadelphia 76ers 109, Kansas City Kings 100; Boston Celtics 128, Detroit Pistons 118; New Jersey Nets 107, Milwaukee Bucks 103; Washington Bullets 125, Chicago Bulls 124; New York Knicks 118, San Diego Clippers 95. Saturday: Indiana Pacers 111, New Jersey Nets 101; Detroit Pistons 131, Kansas City Kings 106; Boston Celtics 116, Chicago Bulls 101; Houston Rockets 100, Dallas Mavericks 98; San Antonio Spurs 126, Denver Nuggets 107; Utah Jazz 126, Portland Trail Blazers 122; Golden State Warriors 108, Cleveland Cavaliers 102.

TENNIS

DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA: Lynda Carter Classic: Quarter-finals (all US): C Lloyd bt M Torres 6-2, 6-4; A Smith bt K Sands 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; B Gadusek bt B Herr 6-0, 1-6, 6-4; P Casale bt K Rinaldi 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. Semi-finals: C Lloyd bt A Smith 6-4, 6-1; B Gadusek bt P Casale 6-4, 6-1.

HONOLULU, HAWAII: Grand Prix Tournament: Quarter-finals: C Bassett (Can) bt A Hobbs (GB) 6-1, 6-4; Y Vermaak (SA) bt J Hardogian (US) 6-3, 6-2; S Collins (US) bt G Purdy (US) 6-2, 6-3; K Horvath (US) bt E Sayers (Aus) 7-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: C Bassett bt Y Vermaak 6-4, 6-0; K Horvath bt S Collins 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

NAGOYA, JAPAN: Women's Classic Tournament: Semi-finals: P Teeguarden (US) bt S Walsh (US) 6-4, 7-6. Doubles final: B J King and S Walsh (US) bt R Casals and F Durr (Fr) 7-5, 6-4.

MOTOR RACING

MELBOURNE: Australian Grand Prix (Australian unless stated): 1, R Moreno (Br, Ralt RT4), 1hr 7min 26.28sec; 2, J Smith (Ralt RT4), 1:7:38.36; 3, J Laffite (Fr, Ralt RT4), 1:7:38.55; G Brabham (Ralt RT4), 1:7:52.06; 5, A Jones (Ralt RT4), 1:7:58.79; 6, C O'Brien (Ralt RT4), 98 laps.

CYCLING

MADRID: Six-day race (after three days): 1, J Zoetemelk (Neth) and G Schumacher (WG), 18 pts; 2, D Gisiger (Switz) and N De Jonckheere (Bel), 16 pts; 3, A Perez (Sp) and M Urroz (Sp), 74 pts, 1 lap behind.

FENCING

LISBON: European championships: Men's Foil: Final: A Borella (It) bt K Reichert (WG), 10-5. Third place: A Scuri (It) bt B Zych (Pol), 11-10.

BOXING

TAMPA, FLORIDA: Light-Middleweight: J Mugabi (Uganda) ko C Parker (US), first round.

BOARD SAILING

HAMILTON, BERMUDA: Windglider Championships: 1, S Van den Berg (Neth), 49.0 pts; 2, K Maran (It), 51.7; 3, S Rasmussen (Nor), 60.1.

TABLE TENNIS

BUDAPEST: International Tournament: Men: Semi-finals: China bt West Germany, 3-0; Sweden bt Hungary, 3-0. Final: China bt Sweden, 3-0. Women: Semi-finals: China bt Soviet Union, 3-0; Hungary B bt Czechoslovakia, 3-2. Final: China bt Hungary B, 3-0.

EQUESTRIANISM

HANOVER HORSE SHOW: Grand Prix: 1, N Pessoa (Bra), Judy, 0 faults, 38.08sec; 2, D Brodma (GB), Love Reason, 0,38.50; 3, P Schockemoehle (WG), Deister, 0,38.53.

JUDO

ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS: European Junior Judo Championships: Results: Under 65kg: Gold Medal: V Vialle-Marchiset (Fr); Silver: L Van As (Neth); Bronze: G Hoffmann (EG) and G Schumacher (WG). British placing: Quarter-finals: Van As bt H Melville (GB). Under 71kg: Gold: B Varaev (USSR); Silver: S Loll (EG); Bronze: I Nagy (Rom) and P Sheilds (GB).

ICE SKATING

THE HAGUE: Ennia Cup: Women's championship: 1, K Witt (EG), 1.4 pts; 2, N Ito (Japan), 2.8; 3, S Yuki (Japan), 4.6. British placing: 6, C Coull, 8.4. Men's championship: 1, B Orser (Can), 1.4 pts; 2, T Mora (Japan), 2.0; 3, R Cerne (WG), 4.2; 4, P Barna (Czech), 6.4; 5, F Kirsten (EG), 8.0; 6, M Cockerell (US), 8.6. Ice Dancing: 1, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 1.4; 2, J Bataricva and A Soloviev (USSR), 2.6; 3, T Wilson and R McCall (Can), 4.2; 4, E Spitz and S Gregory (US), 5.6; 5, J Hota and K Foltan (Czech), 7.0; 6, S Wynne and J Druar (US), 8.4.

ROWING

PANGBOURNE SCULLS: 1, P Cowling (Marlow), 12min 13sec; 2, I Brown, 12:22; 3, S Sawthrop, 12:23. Women's junior: N Kingsley (Lady Eleanor Holles School), 15:15.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Calgary Flames 4, New Jersey Devils 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, New York Islanders 2; Edmonton Oilers 7, Detroit Red Wings 3; Washington Capitals 7, New York Rangers 4; Hartford Whalers 6, Chicago Black Hawks 1; Boston Bruins 6, Quebec Nordiques 4; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Minnesota North Stars 5, St Louis Blues 2; Los Angeles Kings 6, Montreal Canadiens 4.

GYMNASTICS

STRASBOURG: World rhythmic championships: Hoop: 1, A Ralenkova (Bul), 19.90 pts; 2, G Beloglazova (USSR), 19.80; 3, L Ignatova (Bul), 19.65. Ball: 1, G Beloglazova (USSR) and L Ignatova (Bul), 20 pts; 3, A Ralenkova (Bul), 19.95. Indian clubs: Equal 1, D Georgieva and Lilia Ignatova (Bul), 20; equal 3, A Ralenkova (Bul) and D Kutkaite (USSR), 19.90. Ribbon: Equal 1, D Gueorguieva (Bul) and G Beloglazova (USSR), 19.90; 3, A Ralenkova (Bul), 19.75. Overall: 1, D Georgieva (Bul), 39.85; equal 2, G Beloglazova (USSR), L Ignatova (Bul) and A Ralenkova (Bul), 39.80.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Ashton 6, Sale 14; Old Waconians 3, Stockport 21; Old Stopfordians 11, Old Hulmeians 12; Timperley 9, Urmston 9.
NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 11, South Manchester and Wythenshawe 6; Mellor 14, Sheffield University 11.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Hillcroft 7, Buckhurst 2; London University 19, Lee 1; Purley 27, Oxford University 1.
Representative match: Lancashire U-21 8, Cheshire U-21 7. Women: West London 19, London University 4; West London 'A' 14, Watford 3.

FOOTBALL: FAGAN AND BURKINSHAW ENTHUSE OVER 'ONE OF THE BEST MATCHES EVER'

Day the game was glorious again

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Joe Fagan's opening statement was startling. After climbing the stairs to White Hart Lane's press room, and arriving breathless with enthusiasm, he described the game as "one of the best I've ever been assiciated with". That is some claim, bearing in mind he has been at Liverpool for over 25 years.

Yet it would have been disappointing if he had said anything else. So what if there was the odd mistake here and there? Stevens might have been at fault for Liverpool's first goal and Clemence for their second; in turn, Grobbelaar might have prevented Tottenham's first and Kennedy, who conceded a penalty, their second.

But to examine defensive frailties on such an afternoon is to miss the point. Fagan encapsulated it when he admitted: "We couldn't do anything" about Hoddle in the first half. He could have followed Arsenal's example: last Wednesday they doused Tottenham's brightest flame by throwing a blanket called Robson over him in the Milk Cup.

Hoddle, fortunate not to be sent off for retaliating towards the end, was frustrated by such negative tactics. The tie was much the poorer for it, but Arsenal will not care a jot. The case for their defence rests on their victory and a home fixture against Walsall in the fourth round.

The difference is that Liverpool, with their wondrous talent, can afford to be positive. The boot room blackboard is reserved for their own designs, for they have no need to consider the opposition. When the likes of Tottenham have the audacity to take a similar approach, a match unfolds that Keith Burkinshaw, their manager, said was "the sort I'd like to see if I was a spectator".

Had England dared employ the same spirit of adventure against Denmark, they would not be waiting for the Greeks to open the back door and usher them into the European Championship next Wednesday. Such caution may also have cost Ron Greenwood's side a place in last year's World Cup semi-finals.

Even the European Cup was held within a tight grip by England's representatives during six successive finals; Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa conceded only one goal between them. Yet there are signs that, domestically at least, the nation's leaders are breaking out of their defensive chains. That is why Saturday afternoon was so encouraging.

Having taken nine points from their previous three visits to the capital, Liverpool might have been expected to sit back and protect the lead that Robinson had given them in the fifth minute. But even by then – as Bobby Robinson, the England manager, noted – the score could have been Tottenham 1, Liverpool 2, and the pattern was to remain as fresh as to the finish.

Hoddle, with Perryman his willing assistant, was irresistable before the interval. Their partnership gave Burkinshaw most pleasure in "the way they took charge of Souness and Dalglish, easily the best midfield in the country and probably in the world". Hoddle, after swaying delightfully past Dalglish, opened the way for Archibald to equalize 20 minutes later.

Hoddle clearly must play against Luxembourg, and Roberts, another of Robson's squad members, did little to weaken his claim, except for a momentary lapse of concentration in the 70th minute, when Rush dispossessed him and was there seconds later to prod in the rebound fro Calgish's fierce drive. Liverpool are as swift as the wind in punishing such errors.

But neither Tottenham nor Roberts would yield. Within a couple of minutes he burst through into Liverpool's area, only to be brought down from behind. Hoddle, aware that his England team-mate, Neal, had told Grobbelaar where he usually places penalties, promptly changed habits and sent Liverpool's goalkeeper the wrong way.

But for Grobbelaar's spectacular save from Roberts, and Lawrenson's remarkable tackle to block Archibald, Liverpool might have been joined on top of the table by West Ham United, who left Wolverhampton Wanderers even further adrift at the bottom. Fagan would not have complained "if it had been 3-2. We played well and we had to".

He added that Souness, with tonsilitis, and Robinson, with a sore Achilles tendon, had been carrying injuries during the week and had been withdrawn from the Scottish and Eire parties respectively.

Although Burkinshaw felt that "Liverpool are on a crest of a wave and we looked as good as them", he was still not fully satisfied. He was aiming higher.

"If we keep it as simple as they do, we could be in their league," he said. "Stevens, for example, shouldn't try every tim to take the lace off the ball. That is an old phrase. You probably wouldn't remember those days." Perhaps not, but more than 45,000 people will recall the day when the game was glorious again.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence: C Hughton, D Thomas, G Roberts, G Stevens, S Perryman, A Cick, (sub: A Brazil), S Archibald, M Falco, G Hoddle, A Galvin.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, S Nichol, A Hansen, K Dalglish, S Lee, I Rush, M Robinson, G Souness.
Referee: M Taylor (Kent).

England put out a call for Bailey

Gary Bailey, the Manchester United goalkeeper, is being sought by Bobby Robson, the England manager, who wants him to join the squad for the European championship qualifying match in Luxembourg on Wednesday.

The problem is that Bailey is visiting friends in London and noone knows his precise whereabouts. Robson has made an appeal on radio and television for Bailey to contact him before the England party flies out today.

Bailey is needed because Peter Shilton, of Southampton, has withdrawn with a thigh injury, ending a run of 10 successive internationals. Nigel Spink, of Aston Villa, could not be considered because of a stomach upset.

It seems as though Ray Clemence will return for the first time in a year to win his 61st cap although he picked up a slight shoulder injury in the drawn Tottenham-Liverpool game on Saturday. Trevor Francis is ruled out with an injured ankle.

John Wark, of Ipswich, has been drafted back into Scotland's squad for their European championship match in East Germany on Wednesday.

Wark, originally dropped because he is unsettled at his club, was called up yesterday by Jock Stein, who has lost Graeme Souness of Liverpool with tonsilitis and Peter Weir of Aberdeen with an achilles tendon injury. Gordon Strachan, of Aberdeen, has joined the squad but is having intensive treatment for a knee injury.

Norman Whiteside will, after all, travel with Northern Ireland today for their European championship game against West Germany in Hamburg on Wednesday.

Ron Atkinson, the Manchester United manager, withdrew Whiteside from the squad on Thursday because of a groin inury but he came through Saturday's match at Leicester without any reaction.

David McCreery of Newcastle United, has pulled out with a shin injury picked up in the 4-0 defeat at Chelsea and his place goeds to Jim Cleary of Glentoran.

Robbie James flew to Sofia with Wales yesterday determined not to miss Wednesday's crucial European championship tie agsinst Bulgaria. James was kicked in the foot in Stoke's draw at Aston Villa on Saturday.

TENNIS

McEnroe restores his reputation as Connors slumps

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

John McEnroe won £32,415 by beating Jimmy Connors 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 in two hours and a quarter in the singles final of the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley yesterday.

This was McEnroe's sixth consecutive Wembley final and he has lost only one: to Connors in 1981. Until yesterday, Connors had not been beaten in three appearances.

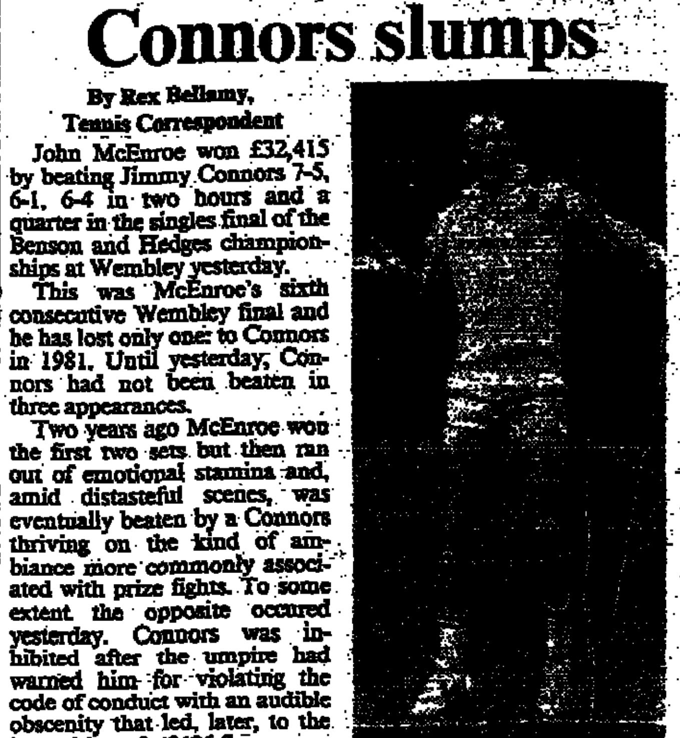
Two years ago McEnroe won the first two sets but then ran out of emotional stamina and, amid distasteful scenes, was eventually beaten by a Connors thriving on the kind of ambiance more commonly associated with prize fights. To some extent the opposite occured yesterday. Connors was inhibited after the umpire had warned him for violating the code of conduct with an audible obscenity that led, later, to the imposition of a £486 fine.

The incident cropped up when, with McEnroe serving at five-all and deuce in the first set, Connors missed the mark with a forehand. Connors had just won three consecutive games to recover from 2-5 and had saved three set points when McEnroe was serving at 5-3 and 30-all. In short, the match was coming to the boil. After a warning, Connors lost five games in a row, though three of them went to deuce.

McEnroe was uncommonly composed throughout the match. Later he said he was fully aware of what happened in 1981 and was not going to let it happen again. McEnroe said that, mentally, he was "pretty fresh" after a three-week break from competition.

By contrast he thought there were times when Connors looked a little tired, even lackadaisical, and probably lost concentration. "It's kind of strange when you don't see Jimmy giving 110%. But when you have had a long year, things add up".

The warning was justified but, although he chose the wrong time for it, Connors said some interesting things after the match – which he described as "boring". This was his second fine in the week for audible or visual obscenities. "I've had enough of that. If next year starts off like this, you may not see me around very much. I will kiss the grand prix goodbye.



McEnroe: rising to challenge (Photograph: Chris Cole).

They want to make it a gentleman's game again – and, out there, I'm not a gentleman. They want boredom. They want to take the colour and personality out of the game. And they are going to succeed."

Both men played well in the first set, with McEnroe sensibly leaving it to Connors to make his own pace. McEnroe was giving the ball gentle nudges in all the right directions and Connors clearly had difficulties in finding and maintaining his competitive momentum. Connors likes to encourage the crowd to assume a noisily partisan role in his matches, and it was clear from a series of asides that the subdued atmosphere in which he was playing was not to his liking.

At the end of the first set it briefly seemed likely that the occasion as a whole and Connors in particular might soon assume a more spirited character. That warning took some of the steam out of Connors and, as a contest, the match declined rather than improved.

SEMI-FINALS: J McEnroe (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-3, 6-1; J Connors (US), bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-4, 6-2.
FINAL: McEnroe bt Connors, 7-5, 6-1, 6-5.
DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS: S Denton (US) and S Stewart (US), bt S Glickstein (Isr) and M Purcell (US), 7-6, 6-4; P Fleming (US) and McEnroe bt P Slozil (Cz) and T Smid (Cz), 7-6, 7-5.
FINAL: McEnroe and Fleming bt Denton and Stewart, 6-3, 6-4.

Stewards' inquiry into 3.0 race

By Clive White

Ipswich Town 1
Arsenal 0

If this were horse racing, the Arsenal team would have been led away for a dope test and Terry Neill, the manager, would be appearing before the Jockey Club to explain his team's poor running in the three o'clock at Portman Road on Saturday.

Impressive winners at White Hart Lane in midweek and six-goal winners at Villa Park two weeks ago, the first division's leading goalscorers failed after Robson had hit a post in the thirteenth minute, to place one decent shot on, or even remotely near, the target. But having lost at home to Sunderland last week Arsenal's performance was hardly uncharacteristic.

I would suggest that Neill might have been accused by the Jockey Club of not giving his team every chance. It was, perhaps, unnecessarily negative to play four midfield players – including Sunderland – against a side whose own midfield bristled with such household names as Brennan and Putney. Whatever the reason, secret of consistency still eludes the great thinkers Neil and Howe.

Neil seemed to think that the reason was because the Arsenal players crowed the space afforded Hill by Ipswich in the first half. (Callaghan played on the right then to nullify Arsenal's left-side bias). Strange that Arsenal should see the inexperienced Hill, playing at right back as a weapon of offence. Far better, surely, to look farther upfield for the reasons, at the forwards, of rather lack of them, particularly a target man in the mould of, say John Radford.

Neil five defeats in their last seven league games, Ipswich have found a consistency of the wrong sort. Without such names as Thijssen, Muhren and Brazil, they are more of a workhorse these days. They still concentrate, though, on producng their own stock, and introduced Mark Brennan, aged 18, on Saturday. His ability, unfortunately for him had been likened to that of Hoddle and though he showed us no such great length of pass he at least tackles better than the master and did the simple things neatly an confidently.

With Ipswich's finishing wayward, particularly Gates's, it was obvious that the winning goal, if there was going to be one, would be a silly one. And so it was, O'Leary underhitting a pass-back, allowing Gates to nip in and stroke the ball wide of Jennings.

If Bobby Robson, the England manager, is looking to choose between Mariner and Woodcock for his centre forward next week in Luxembourg, he would go reluctantly for Mariner on the strength of this game. Mariner worked hard and cleverly at times in deep positions but never looked like scoring; and Woodcock, who was served poorly, could never escape the attention of Steggles, who was hanging on to his shirt tail at times. The sparsity of Arsenal's attack was notable until the final minute when Butcher headed over his own bar to safety with not an Arsenal player in sight.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper: G Burley, S McCall, T Putney, K Steggles, T Butcher, J Wark, M Brennan, P Mariner, E Gates, K O'Callaghan.
ARSENAL: P Jennings; S Robson, K Sansom, C Whyte, D O'Leary, C Hill, A Sunderland (sub, P Gorman), P Davis, A Woodcock, C Nicholas, G Rix.
Referee: K Baker (Rugby).

Keeping a clear lead: Fairclough (centre) gives Sutton a hand to defend the Forest goal from Gray, of Everton.

Chamberlain gives glimpse of future

By Simon O'Hagan

Aston Villa.1
Stoke City.1

Peter Withe is so quintessentially an English forward that any discussion about whether he shold represent his country quickly gets lost in question of whether the national team should play in the English or continental style. You might just as well compare the virtues of cornflakes with museli or red letter boxes with yellow ones.

However, putting aside stereotyped notions of Withe-as-bulldog, blustering his way past the scheming German or Italian, it is possible to see him for what he is, a player with an imprerssive scoring record – at any rate in the first divsion – but one whose natural ability is alarmingly limited.

Withe is the kind of footballer who puts an England manager in a dilemma. Do you automatically reward the frequency with which he appears on the score sheet? Or do you stand by the belief that achievement at one level does not guarantee it at another?

If Bobby Robson had been at Villa Park on Saturday, he would have found the problems no easier to solve. Nine minutes into the second half Withe scored the goal which enabled Aston Villa to draw with Stoke City, yet his performance generally was clumsly and ineffectual.

Above all, it left one with the inescapable feeling that his command of the basic skills – of brining the ball under instant control and delivering a well timed pass – is just not good enough. Even in scoring he betrayed his shortcomings. Rideout headed down Birch's cross and as Withe attempted to control the ball it bounced off his leg and trickled in.

Withe's goal also suffered in comparison to the one scored for Stoke by Chamberlain, another player hopeful of making an appearance for England, if only as a substitute, against Luxembourg.

The first half was into injury time when he received the ball on the halfway line, with his back to goal, he turned breathtakingly, passed Evans, sped wide of the challenging Ormsby and shot home with delightful ease from the edge of the penalty area.

In such flair and aplomb surely lies the future for England, loyal and determined though the Withes of this world may be. Chamberlain showed a modesty bordering on sheepishness in his post match interview, suggesting that what he needs now is to develop the desire, and the discipline, to impose himself on a game.

ASTON VILLA: M Day: G Williams, C Gibson (sub M Walters), A Evans, B Ormsby, D Mortimer, M Jones, P Birch, P Withe, S McMahon, P Rideout.
STOKE CITY: P Fox; S Bould, P Hampton, R James (sub C Maskery), B O'Callaghan, D McAughtrie, P Maguire, S McIlroy, T Dyson, P Griffiths, M Chamberlain.
Referee: M Scott (Nottingham).

Stamped with hallmark of fame, past and to come

By Nicholas Harling

Chelsea.................................4
Newcastle United.............0

If Kevin Keegan had any illusions about using his first visit to the metropolis this season to promote his claims for a return to the England squad, they ended up being as obliterated as Newcastle's hopes of setting a club record of seven successive wins.

A large proportion of Chelsea's biggest crowd of the season must have been attracted by Keegan but they left talking not of the little former England man and his indifferent contribution but of one even slighter figure who will surely one day play for Scotland.

The way Pat Nevin accelerates past opponents in the true Scottish tradition of the great "tanner ba" player is the hallmark of genius. It was when the £90,000 close-season purchase from Clyde set off from near the left-back position to beat countless challenges on his way to the byeline just before half-time that Nevin provided a memory more abiding than any of Chelsea's goals.

With almost the entire crowd willing him to score, he was eventually forced out too wide, his final chip being too high for the waiting Dixon. It was a breathtaking moment in a breathless match: one that some older observers ranked with Hughie Gallagher or those of lesser years with Charlie Cooke or Jimmy Greaves, all once illustrious figures in blue.

Not that Chelsea's was by any means a one-man show. Between them all they maintained such a searing pace that the watching Sebastian Coe must have been impressed with his beloved team. Even Hollins, at 37, kept going, though he must have been gasping at the end.

The early minutes were ominous for Newcastle. First Dixon reached a Spackman cross to bring a spectacular flying save from Thomas; then McCreery injured himself blocking a Rhoades-Brown centre. He was still limping when Spackman, utilizing the room the Irishman migh have occupied, beat Thomas with a 25-yard shot into the roof of the net.

Spackman struck the bar with an even fiercer and longer drive as Newcastle continued to struggle with Mills now on for McCreery. Their defence was all over the place when Hollins, Dixon, Speedie and Spackman combined in a slick move which Rhoades-Brown finished off after 25 minutes.

Barely 25 seconds of the second half had elapsed when Speedie volleyed in an orthodox cross from Nevin. Speedie it was again who scored off a post after 67 minutes when Rhoades-Brown put the ball through Anderson's legs and crossed for Saunders to miscue his clearance straight to the Chelsea forward.

The fact that Chelsea could play so well without goals from either their leading scorer or their best player said volumes for their performance. The nearest Dixon came to scoring was when Rhoades-Brown put him through to strike an upright. As for Nevin, the only way Newcastle could contain him was by sitting on him, which Waddle tried at the cost of a free kick. But he still went on tormenting them right until the end.

CHELSEA: E Niedzwiecki: J Hollins, C Pates, J McLaughlin, J Jones, J Bumstead, N Spackman, P Rhoades-Brown (sub C Lee), P Nevin, K Dixon, D Speedie.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: M Thomas: J Anderson, W Saunders, S Carney, J Ryan, D McCreery (sub D Mills), T McDermott, K Keegan, K Wharton, P Beardsley, C Waddle.
Referee: H W King (Merthyr Tydfil).

Wallace has a shock at Pittodrie

By Hugh Taylor

Even a crusade as zealous as Jock Wallace in his pursuit of lost Ibrox glory must have been appalled at the magnitude of the task which confronts him as he watched Rangers slump to humiliating defeat at the hands of the league leaders Aberdeen at Pittodrie. The new Rangers manager goes off for a brief break in Spain today but thoughts of Saturday's depressing display and visions of what might happen at Ibrox next Saturday when champions Dundee United come visiting are unlikely to allow him a holiday of bliss.

Rangers were beaen 3-0 but they were so obviously outclassed by Aberdeen that even the thousands of visiting supporters, who turned out in force to welcome the return of their favourite son, Wallace, realised that their opponents were in a merciful mood and could have easily obtained more than the goals, all of stunning quality, scored by Simpson, Hewitt and Porteous.

Wallace, however, was calm, if not over-optimistic, after emergeing from a long dressing room post-mortem: "Of course there is a lot of work to be done and a new pattern to be formulated" he said. He has warned his players, nevertheless, that they will have to be quick learners. And there can be little doubt that dramatic changes will have to be made at Ibrox, for the vast gulf between the teams at Pittordrie revealed that the present Rangers players do not have the class to restore the club's badly damaged prestige.

More than an inspirational new manager is required if the Rangers slump is to be halted. This was their fifth Premier division defeat in a row and they have been pluned into their bottom place, ironically above Wallace's former team, Motherwell, with only a goal difference. Aberdeen are playing with the skill and resolution which won them an award last week as Europe's best team and their comfortable win enables them to retain their Premier division leadership; but Dundee United served notice that they are determined to hold onto their title. They had a superb 7-0 home win over St Johnstone

Robson prefers to travel first class

By David Powell

Leicester City 1
Manchester United............1

When a man earns as much money as Bryan Robson, and holds the England captaincy, while playing well enough to justify both, you would not suppose him eager to be in someone else's boots. Just for this week, though, Robson would like to be wherer Denmark are, in Greece awaiting delivery of tickets for France, rather than in Luxembourg hoping to fill a last-minute cancellation.

Just as Robson emphasized his goalscoring ability on Saturday, swivelling on his right foot to turn in Graham's close pass with his left, so did he amplify the nation's anxiety at having to rely on the Greeks to at least draw with the Danes on Wednesday.

"I would sooner be in Denmark's position than ours," he said. "They know exactly what they have to do; we know that if we win, it may not be enough. All we can do is go out with the right attitude, and it should be impossible for Luxembourg to get a result against us."

In naming himself, Lee and Hoddle as three certainties for midfield, Robson omitted to mention his Manchester United colleague, Wilkins, not because he can have any doubts about his form, but because a third forward may be selected in preference to a fourth midfield player.

But for a brilliantly athletic save from Wallington near the end, Robson would have won the match with a header but, ironically, it was Wilkins who kept the balance of play in United's favour. He was the busiest man on the field, despatching those exciting long passes of his with as much accuracy as his quick one-twos.

By the final whistle, Wilkins had hit 15 good balls to four bad ones, and blame for United's failure to win rests with Whiteside and Stapleton who, when they were not missing chances, were conceding possession with absurd frequency.

At much the same stage last year, Leicester were fifteenth in the second division. Now they are playing as if they believe they can drive themselves up the first division. They are unbeaten in their last four league matches.

Lynex took advantage of an error by Bailey to score in the fifty-second minute, though the United goalkeeper had earlier performed well to keep out two solidly-struck shots from Smith. Lynex, a goal better off, was a tooth worse off but offered his manager, Gordon Milne, a chance to highlight his main area of concern, the Leicester defence. "If we could get our back four out as quickly as we get our teeth out," Milnes said, "we would soon be out of trouble."

LEICESTER CITY: M Wallington, T Williams (sub, G Lineker), I Wilson, R MacDonald, D Rennie, J O'Neil, S Lynex, P Eastoe, A Smith, P Ramsey, I Banks.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey: M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, G McQueen, B Robson, R Messes, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, A Graham.
Referee: J A Moules (Ongar).

Dutch girl is top seed

By Lewine Mair

Judith Warringa, of the Netherlands, defeated Kathleen Schuurmans, of Belgium, 6-1, 6-0 at the Thurleston Tennis Centre, Ipswich, on Saturday to win the first in the LTA's series of four women's international satellite events.

Miss Schuurmans's usually busy and adventurous game never saw the light of day, and her opponent dominated the proceedings with her heavy top spin shots.

A quiet girl who, between matches, likes nothing better than to tuck herself away in a corner with a good book, Miss Warringa certainly makes her presence felt on court. She stands just under 6ft and what makes her seem still taller and more formidable is the fact that she hits the ball early and is always on the advance.

Now, some £650 the richer, the 18-year-old Dutch girl starts as first seed in the second satellite event, which starts today at the impressive new Matchpoint tennis arena in Manchester.

Elizabeth Jones, the former British junior indoor champion, is the second seed. She has been competing on the concurrent Swedish satellite circuit, and is not expected to play her first round match here until tomorrow morning.

Among yesterday's qualifying rounds there was one game which was surely as good as any we shall see in the main draw this week – namely, that between Rhona Howett, of Ireland, and Lisa Pennington, a former winner of the British junior hard court championship at Wimbledon.

Miss Pennington, who spent a couple of years at the University of Mississippi did some glorious work at the net. She was playing so well that, when a dispute arose as to whether she was simply a set and 5-3 ahead, most hoped that the two would be made to play on.

As it was, a lengthy discussion with the tournament referee untimately had everyone agreeing that the score was indeed 6-4, 6-4.

GOLF

Langer in no mood to submit

From Mitchell Platts, Madrid

Sandy Lyle made a valiant effort to breathe life into the Johnnie Walker Trophy here yesterday. After his excellent third round of 63 on Saturday he put together another superb performance for a 65. But it was all to no avail.

The West German, Bernhard Langer, refused to submit and he comfortably came home with a 69 for a winning aggregate of 270, which is 18 under par for the La Moraleja course. Lyle finished two strokes behind, but three ahead of the Spaniard, José Rivero, who took third place after a 70.

Langer, who started the final day under an azure sky and with a four-stroke advantage, was in command of his game in such a way that the huge crowd accepted after a few holes that he would not be caught. It was a shame, however, that his pairing with Rivero should finish at no less than 45 minutes behind the group in front of them. Slow play is an evil that must be stamped out of the game, and for a two-ball match to take 3hr 45min on an undemanding 6,581-yard course is ludicrous.

In the defence of Langer and Rivero, the local hero, the crowd were swarming at times around the area from green to tee and made it difficult for them to move swiftly from hole to hole. Langer, however, admitted afterwards that "José and I both played a bit slow."

Having said that, there can be little doubt that Langer thoroughly deserved his fourth success of the year. He was the only player to better 70 in each of the four rounds and throughout the tournament he struck the ball with admirable authority. He required a little slice of good fortune at the opening hole, where his drive struck a tree which saved the ball from plunging into a water hazard.

FINAL SCORES (GB unless stated): 270: B Langer (WG), 67, 68, 66, 69. 272: S Lyle, 72, 72, 63, 65. 275: J Rivero (Sp), 71, 66, 68, 70. 278: M Piñero (Sp), 67, 68, 70, 71: G Norman (Aust), 74, 68, 65, 68; P Jacobsen (US), 73, 70, 66, 68. 78: B Rogers (US), 67, 69, 74, 68. 281: N Faldo, 71, 69, 72, 69. 282: S Torrance, 68, 74, 71, 69. 283: V Fernandez (Arg), 65, 70, 73, 75. 284: S Ballesteros (Sp), 67, 71, 72, 74. 289: J Garaialde (Fr), 78, 75, 68, 70.

BADMINTON

Promising display by Butler

By Richard Eaton

Steve Butler, the gangling England joint number four, aged 20, who recently gave up his job as a bank clerk to work, train and practise, at Coventry City Football Club, suggested in the £12,000 Carlton Challenge tournament at Thornaby Pavilion yesterday that his new arrangements are ideal for him, and that he is now a prime candidate to become the new national champion next month.

Butler's performance in the 15-11, 15-4 defeat by the 1982 All-England champion, Morten Frost, was clearly the best against the Dane by a home player since Frost came plundering English badminton five days ago.

Nick Yates, the English joint number one managed only 13 points in two matches against Frost, and in both cases in the second games, scored no points at all. Butler, whose clattering size 11 feet and cyclonic arm movements make him inelegant to look at, but unpleasantly persistent to deal with, was only shaken off after a late run of five winning rallies by Frost. Otherwise, he adhered to his opponent like chewing gum on a railway seat.

Frost's win helped his team to a winning 3-0 lead over Gilliland in the second of the six-match series (the score is now 1-1), which continues at Woking today. It follows his success at Ashington on Saturday in taking the Northumberland Open title, sponsored by Reed Print, and previously held by Butler.

The results in that tournament must be a salutory warning to England that their players cannot rest on the laurels of their first-ever victory over Denmark in an international match in this country, achieved only two days previously. The Danes responded with three of the five titles.

The significance of this was that England's two resurrected and top seeded pairs, Gillian Gilks and Paula Kilvington, and Karen Beckman and Barbara Sutton, both strong candidates for the Uber Cup team in February, were halted at the semi-final stage.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES



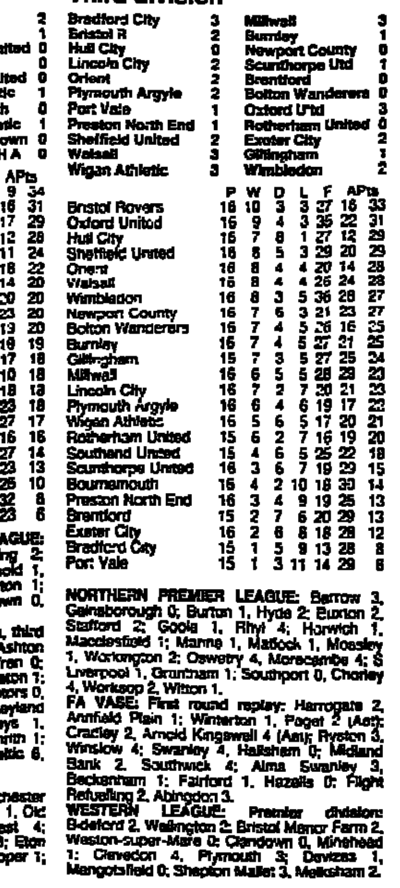
First division

Aston Villa	1	Stoke City	1
Coventry City	1	Queen's Park R	0
Everton	1	Nottingham F	0
Ipswich Town	1	Arsenal	0
Leicester City	1	Manchester U	1
Luton Town	1	Birmingham City	1
Notts County	1	Norwich City	1
Southampton	1	West Bromwich	0
Sunderland	3	Watford	0
Tottenham H	2	Liverpool	2
Wolverhampton W	0	West Ham United	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	13	8	3	2	23	8	27
West Ham U	13	8	2	3	25	11	26
Manchester U	13	8	2	3	23	14	26
Southampton	12	7	2	3	14	8	23
Luton Town	13	7	2	4	21	16	23
Coventry City	13	7	2	4	20	18	23
Tottenham H	13	6	4	3	20	17	22
Aston Villa	13	6	3	4	18	19	21
Q P Rangers	13	6	2	5	20	11	20
Ipswich Town	13	6	2	5	24	16	20
Nottingham F	13	6	2	5	22	18	20
West Bromwich	13	6	2	5	18	18	20
Arsenal	13	6	0	7	24	17	18
Birmingham C	13	5	3	5	13	15	18
Sunderland	13	5	3	5	15	18	18
Everton	13	5	3	5	8	13	18
Norwich City	14	4	5	5	19	20	17
Stoke City	13	2	5	6	14	24	11
Watford	13	2	4	7	18	24	10
Notts County	13	2	2	9	11	24	8
Leicester City	13	1	4	8	12	27	7
Wolverhampton	13	0	3	10	8	34	3

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First Division: Norwich 3, Ipswich 1. First division League Cup, Second Round: Orient 1, Chelsea 6, Arsenal 3, Millwall 0; Southend 1, QPR 2; Watford 5, Tottenham 0. Second division League Cup, Second Round: Brighton 4, Brentford 3; Tottenham 0, West Ham 5. Postponed: Oxford United v Swindon.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 0, Derby 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich 1, Tottenham 1; West Ham 0, Crystal Palace 0; Charlton 1, Arsenal 1. Postponed: Swansea v Watford.
IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 2, Carrick 1; Coleraine 3, Bangor 1; Crusaders 2, Glentoran 3; Larne 0, Glenavon 3; Linfield 0, Cliftonville 1; Newry 2, Distillery 1; Portadown 1, Ballymena 1.

WELSH CUP: Second round replay: Ton Pentre 2, BP Llandarcy 3; Blaen Rhondda 0, Brigend 3.



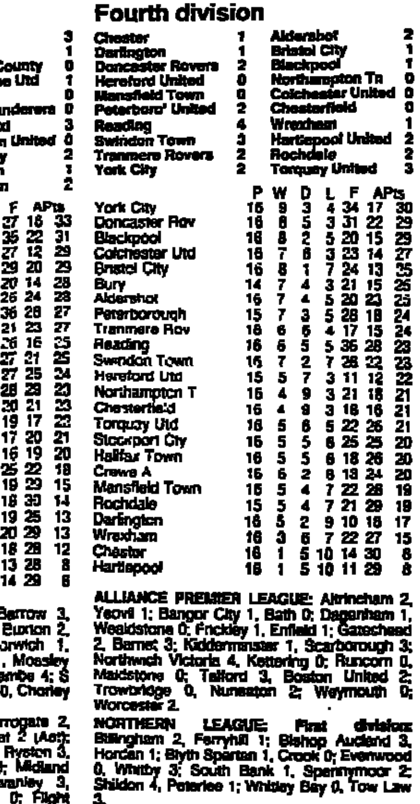
Second division

Barnsley	3	Swansea City	2
Blackburn Rovers	1	Leeds United	1
Cardiff City	5	Cambridge United	0
Carlisle United	0	Portsmouth	0
Chelsea	4	Newcastle United	0
Crystal Palace	2	Oldham Athletic	1
Derby County	1	Middlesbrough	0
Grimsby Town	2	Charlton Athletic	1
Huddersfield T	1	Shrewsbury Town	0
Manchester City	4	Brighton and H A	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	14	10	4	0	25	9	34
Manchester City	14	10	1	3	29	16	31
Newcastle United	14	9	2	3	29	17	29
Chelsea	13	8	4	1	28	12	28
Huddersfield Town	14	6	6	2	20	11	24
Grimsby Town	14	6	4	4	21	18	22
Portsmouth	14	6	2	6	23	14	20
Barnsley	14	6	2	6	23	20	20
Blackburn Rovers	14	5	5	4	20	23	20
Charlton Athletic	14	5	5	4	16	13	20
Shrewsbury Town	14	5	4	5	17	16	19
Middlesbrough	14	5	3	6	20	17	18
Carlisle United	14	4	6	4	11	10	18
Crystal Palace	14	5	3	6	16	18	18
Leeds United	14	5	3	6	19	23	18
Brighton and H A	14	5	2	7	25	27	17
Cardiff City	14	5	1	8	14	16	16
Derby County	14	4	2	8	11	27	14
Fulham	14	3	4	7	17	23	13
Oldham Athletic	14	2	4	8	12	26	10
Cambridge United	14	2	2	10	13	32	8
Swansea City	13	1	3	9	10	23	6

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton 1, Spalding 2; Appleby Frodingham 1, Heanor 0; Arnold 1, Guiseley 2; Bridlington Trinity 1, Boston 1; Guisborough 1, Ilkeston 1; Sutton Town 0, Thackley 0.
NORTH-WEST COUNTIES: League Cup, third round: Accrington Stanley 5, Formby 2; Ashton 2, Prescot Cables 1; Caernarfon 2, Wren 0; Clitheroe 0, St Helens 0; Colne 1, Congleton 1; Curzon Ashton 3, Burscough 1; Ford Motors 0, Glossop 0; Leek 0, Fleetwood 1; Leyland Motors 5, Darwen 1; Prestwich Heys 1, Netherfield 1; Radcliffe Borough 1, Penrith 1; Salford 0, Lancaster 4; Stalybridge Celtic 6, Great Harwood 0; Vulcan 1, Winsford 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ardingly 2, Winchester 2; Glyn 2, Burlington Danes 3; Highgate 1, Old Cholmeleians 1; Kimbolton 0, Forest 4; Wellingborough 2, Old Wellingburians 3; Eton 0, Bradfield 2; John Lyon 2, Latymer Upper 1; Lancing 0, Hampton 3.



Third division

Bradford City	3	Millwall	3
Bristol R	2	Burnley	1
Hull City	0	Newport County	0
Lincoln City	2	Scunthorpe Utd	1
Orient	2	Brentford	0
Plymouth Argyle	2	Bolton Wanderers	0
Port Vale	1	Oxford Utd	3
Preston North End	1	Rotherham United	0
Sheffield United	2	Exeter City	2
Walsall	3	Gillingham	1
Wigan Athletic	3	Wimbledon	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	16	10	3	3	27	16	33
Oxford United	16	9	4	3	35	22	31
Hull City	16	7	8	1	27	12	29
Sheffield United	16	8	5	3	29	20	29
Orient	16	8	4	4	20	14	28
Walsall	16	8	4	4	26	24	28
Wimbledon	16	8	3	5	36	28	27
Newport County	16	7	6	3	21	23	27
Bolton Wanderers	16	7	4	5	26	16	25
Burnley	16	7	4	5	27	21	25
Gillingham	15	7	3	5	27	25	24
Millwall	16	6	5	5	28	29	23
Lincoln City	16	7	2	7	30	21	23
Plymouth Argyle	16	6	4	6	19	17	22
Wigan Athletic	16	5	6	5	17	20	21
Rotherham United	15	6	2	7	16	19	20
Southend United	15	4	6	5	25	22	18
Scunthorpe United	16	3	6	7	19	29	15
Bournemouth	16	4	2	10	18	30	14
Preston North End	16	3	4	9	19	25	13
Brentford	15	2	7	6	20	29	13
Exeter City	16	2	6	8	18	28	12
Bradford City	15	1	5	9	13	28	8
Port Vale	15	1	3	11	14	29	6

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 3, Gainsborough 0; Burton 1, Hyde 2; Buxton 2, Stafford 2; Goole 1, Rhyl 4; Horwich 1, Macclesfield 1; Marine 1, Matlock 1, Mossley 1, Workington 2; Oswestry 4, Morecambe 4; S Liverpool 1, Grantham 1; Southport 0, Chorley 4, Worksop 2, Witton 1.
FA VASE: First round replay: Harrogate 2, Annfield Plain 1; Winterton 1, Paget 2 (Aet); Cradley 2, Arnold Kingswell 4 (Aet); Ryston 3, Winslow 4; Swanley 4, Hailsham 0; Midland Bank 2, Southwick 4; Alma Swanley 3, Beckenham 1; Fairford 1, Hazells 0; Flight Refuelling 2, Abingdon 3.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Wellington 2; Bristol Manor Farm 2, Weston-super-Mare 0; Clandown 0, Minehead 1; Clevedon 4, Plymouth 3; Devizes 1, Mangotsfield 0; Shepton Mallet 3, Melksham 2.



Fourth division

Chester	1	Aldershot	2
Darlington	1	Bristol City	1
Doncaster Rovers	2	Blackpool	1
Hereford United	0	Northampton Tn	0
Mansfield Town	0	Colchester United	0
Peterboro' United	2	Chesterfield	0
Reading	4	Wrexham	1
Swindon Town	3	Hartlepool United	2
Tranmere Rovers	2	Rochdale	2
York City	2	Torquay United	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York City	16	9	3	4	34	17	30
Doncaster Rov	16	8	5	3	31	22	29
Blackpool	16	8	2	5	20	15	29
Colchester Utd	16	7	6	3	23	14	27
Bristol City	16	8	1	7	24	13	35
Bury	14	7	4	3	21	15	25
Aldershot	16	7	4	5	20	23	25
Peterborough	15	7	3	5	28	18	24
Tranmere Rov	16	6	6	4	17	15	24
Reading	16	6	5	5	36	28	23
Swindon Town	16	7	2	7	28	22	23
Hereford Utd	15	5	7	3	11	12	22
Northampton T	16	4	9	3	21	18	21
Chesterfield	16	4	9	3	18	16	21
Torquay Utd	16	5	6	5	22	26	21
Stockport Cty	16	5	5	6	25	25	20
Halifax Town	16	5	5	6	18	26	20
Crewe A	16	6	2	8	18	24	20
Mansfield Town	16	5	4	7	22	28	19
Rochdale	15	5	4	7	21	29	19
Darlington	16	5	2	9	10	16	17
Wrexham	16	3	6	7	22	27	15
Chester	16	1	5	10	14	30	8
Hartlepool	16	1	5	10	11	29	8

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham 2, Yeovil 1; Bangor City 1, Bath 0; Dagenham 1, Wealdstone 0; Frickley 1, Enfield 1; Gateshead 2, Barnet 3; Kidderminster 1, Scarborough 3; Northwich Victoria 4, Kettering 0; Runcorn 0, Maidstone 0; Telford 3, Boston United 2; Trowbridge 0, Nuneaton 2; Weymouth 0; Worcester 2.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham 2, Ferryhill 1; Bishop Auckland 3, Horden 1; Blyth Spartan 1, Crook 0; Evenwood 0, Whitby 3; South Bank 1, Spennymoor 2; Shildon 4, Peterlee 1; Whitley Bay 0, Tow Law 3.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Group B: E Germany 1, Norway 0. Regional Group Four: South Korea 2, Thailand 0; China 3, Hongkong 1.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Two: Soviet Union 2, Portugal 0.



Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	3	Rangers	0
Celtic	4	Motherwell	0
Dundee United	7	St Johnstone	0
St Mirren	2	Hibernian	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	12	9	1	2	34	7	19
Celtic	12	8	2	2	33	14	18
Dundee United	11	8	1	2	29	9	17
Hearts	12	6	3	3	15	12	15
Dundee	12	5	1	6	18	24	11
Hibernian	12	5	1	6	17	23	11
St Mirren	11	2	5	4	11	16	9
Rangers	12	3	1	8	16	24	7
Motherwell	12	1	5	6	8	22	7
St Johnstone	12	2	0	10	10	40	4



Scottish first division

Ayr United	2	Morton	2
Brechin City	2	Dumbarton	3
Clydebank	2	Airdrieonians	4
Falkirk	0	Clyde	2
Hamilton A	0	Raith Rovers	0
Meadowbank T	2	Kilmarnock	1
Partick Thistle	5	Alloa Athletic	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick Thistle	14	10	2	2	28	15	22
Dumbarton	14	7	4	3	22	17	18
Kilmarnock	14	8	2	4	22	17	18
Falkirk	14	8	2	4	19	16	18
Morton	14	6	5	3	30	22	17
Brechin City	14	6	3	5	21	20	15
Clydebank	14	5	3	6	21	22	13
Airdrieonians	14	4	5	5	13	15	13
Hamilton A	14	3	7	4	12	14	13
Ayr United	14	3	5	6	26	26	11
Raith Rovers	14	3	5	6	15	19	11
Meadowbank T	14	4	3	7	14	26	11
Alloa Athletic	14	3	2	9	20	26	8
Clyde	14	2	4	8	12	19	8

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bradfieldians 0, Harrovians 2; Carthusians 1, Lancing OB 1.
First Division: Etonians 0, Ardinians 1; Salopians 5, Citizens 0.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Third Qualifying Round: Frimley Green 2, Corinthian Casuals 4.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: First Round Replay: Three Bridges 2, Horsham 1.
FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second Round: Berks and Bucks 0, Oxfordshire 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Yugoslavia 0, France 0.

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	3	Arbroath	0
Berwick Rangers	1	Dunfermline	1
Cowdenbeath	5	Montrose	2
East Fife	2	East Stirlingshire	1
Forfar Athletic	4	Queen's Park	1
Queen of South	2	Stenhousemuir	0
Stirling Albion	2	Stranraer	1

Yesterday

Fourth division

BURY (0) 1 CREWE A (0) 1
Madden; Leonard
3,087

Scottish premier division

HEARTS (0) 1 DUNDEE (1) 3
Mackay; McKinlay, McColl 2
12,271

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Two: Portugal 1, Soviet Union 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	6	5	0	1	11	6	10
Soviet Union	6	4	1	1	11	2	9
Poland	6	1	2	3	6	0	4
Finland	6	0	1	5	3	14	1

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Five: Romania 3, Cyprus 2.
EXHIBITION MATCH: Milan 3, Real Madrid 1.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Five: Romania 1, Cyprus 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	8	5	1	2	14	5	11
Romania	7	5	1	1	8	2	11
Czechoslovakia	6	2	3	1	12	6	7
Italy	6	0	3	3	3	9	3
Cyprus	7	0	2	5	3	18	2

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Telford Utd. v Frickley Ath.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.0).
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Barking v Cambridge City (7.45); Faversham v Crystal Palace; Ipswich Town v Enfield; Wimbledon v Gillingham. First round replay: Oxford United v Erith and Belvedere.
OTHER MATCH: Oxford University v The Army (at Iffley Road, Oxford, 2.30).



CRICKET

Gavaskar becomes world's most prolific Test batsman

Ahmedabad (Reuter) – Sunil Gavaskar, India's opening batsman, became the world's highest scorer in Test cricket here yesterday. He achieved this landmark on the second day of the third Test match against West Indies when he broke the previous best aggregate of 8,114 by Geoffrey Boycott.

Gavaskar, who needed 83 runs at the start of the current Test to beat Boycott's total, was eventually out for 90 – and missed by 10 runs a second record. He needs only one more century to break Sir Donald Bradman's total of 29 which he equalled in the second Test match in Delhi last month.

Gavaskar enjoyed his glory as India scored 173 for two yesterday in reply to West Indies' first innings of 281 and he reached the landmark accompanied by a thunderous roar from a crowd of almost 60,000.

He batted 182 minutes, faced 120 balls and struck 13 fours, and dominated an opening stand of 127 with Gaekwad as India responded positively after West Indies were dismissed shortly before lunch.

The hundred went up in the twenty-second over and at tea India were 122 without loss, with Gavaskar 71 and Gaekwad 38; but West Indies broke through shortly afterwards. Both openers fell to Holding: Gaekwad was beaten for pace and bowled off stump as he played defensively forward, and a nasty rising ball from just short of a length had Gavaskar caught at slip.

Sidhu, India's new Test player, batted resolutely for the last 93 minutes, and Patil remained unyielding in the face of a series of short-pitched balls delivered from around the wicket by Marshall.

West Indies, 209 for eight overnight, finished with a relatively respectable total thanks to Dujon, the wicketkeeper, who was last out for a flawless 90.

The overnight ninth-wicket partnership between Dujon, who resumed on 44, and Holding put on 40 altogether and lasted until Kapil Dev took the second new ball and in his first over knocked out Holding's off stump.

It caused few anxieties to Davis, however, who batted sensibly in support of Dujon. They put on 51 of which Davis made three but stayed in for 75 minutes and faced 57 balls.

Dujon played a glorious range of strokes until he ventured out to drive Shastri, the left arm spinner, went through without getting to the pitch of the ball and was caught at mid-off. He batted 192 minutes, faced 154 balls and hit 14 fours.

Leading runmakers

	Tests	Inns	Runs
Gavaskar	96	168	8,122
Boycott	108	193	8,114
Sobers	93	160	8,032

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Maninder Singh b Binny	7
D L Haynes lbw b Binny	9
I V A Richards c Azad b Binny	8
H A Gomes c Gavaskar b Maninder Singh	38
*C H Lloyd c sub b Maninder Singh	68
A L Logie c Kirmani b Maninder Singh	0
†P J Dujon c Kapil Dev b Shastri	98
M D Marshall c Maninder Singh b Binny	10
M A Holding b Kapil Dev	6
W W Davis run out	16
W W Daniel not out	3
Extras (b 8, l-b 6, n-b 4)	16
Total	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-22, 3-27, 4-134, 5-134, 6-158, 7-188, 8-190, 9-230.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 27-9-62-1; Sandhu 14-6-33-0; Binny 9-0-18-3; Maninder Singh 34-6-85-4; Azad 7-0-34-0; Shastri 16.3-2-45-1.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar c Lloyd b Holding	90
A D Gaekwad b Holding	39
N S Sidhu not out	14
S M Patil not out	16
Extras (b7, b4, nb3)	14
Total (2 wkts)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-148.

R J Shastri, R M H Binny, *Kapil Dev, Kirti Azad, †S M H Kirmani, Maninder Singh and B S Sandhu, to bat.

BOWLING: (to date): Marshall 17-5-50-0; Holding 17-3-53-2; Daniel 3-0-18-0; Davis 8-1-19-0; Gomes 5-0-22-0.

Umpires: S N Hanumantha Rao and K B Ramaswamy.

Under playing conditions for the series, no-balls and wides are debited to bowlers' analyses.

● MELBOURNE, (Reuter) – A double century by David Boon, a contender for the Australian Test side, helped Tasmania overhaul Victoria's first innings total of 418 for five declared on the third day of their four-day Sheffield Shield match here yesterday.

Rackemann speeds Pakistan to the brink of innings defeat

From Ian Brayshaw, Perth

Australia's fast bowlers all but ended Pakistan's hopes in the first Test match at Perth yesterday. With three days gone, the touring side had lost two second innings wickets following on and were still 152 runs behind.

Pakistan's hopes of survival with Omar, who is 53 not out after being the top scorer in the first with 48. Omar is playing only his second Test, as is the hero of the hour in Australian attack, Rackemann.

The pace and bounce provided by the Queensland bowler confounded Pakistan in the first innings. After Lillee and Hogg had failed to make an impression in the opening spells yesterday. He cut a swathe through the middle order to end the innings with five for 32 from eight overs.

Three of his wickets fell to splendid catches by Chappell

Mudassar and Mohsin, showing renewed enthusiasm for their task a second time round, stayed together for 105 mins before Rackemann dismissed Mudassar. Mohsin followed almost immediately, also falling to Rackemann, and the stage was set for another rout. However, Omar and Miandad dug in, and took the score to 155 by close of play. Omar was dropped twice in the gully by Yallop off Lillie when 27 and 37.

Australia had resumed at 330 for three and 39 runs were added before Azeem, the left arm seam bowler, playing his first test, claimed Border for 32. Azeem, aged 20, tall and with a pleasant delivery, finished with five for 100.

Qadir salvaged some personal pride with two late wickets before Australia declared at 436 for nine, and soon Lillee and Hogg had removed the touring side's openers. Miandad and Zaheer went for ducks to leave Pakistan at 15 for four as Hogg took three wickets in 10 balls without conceding a run.

Pakistan were saved by a stand between Omar and Wasim Raja, who survived until Hughes, the Australian captain, had no hesitation in enforcing the follow-on and with two days to go his team are in a strong position to win.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

K C Wessels c Wasim Bari b Azeem	12
W B Phillips c Tahir b Nazir	159
G N Yallop b Azeem	141
*K J Hughes b Qadir	16
A R Border c Wasim Raja b Azeem	32
G S Chappell c Azeem b Qadir	17
†R W Marsh c Wasim Bari b Azeem	24
G F Lawson c Nazir b Qadir	9
D K Lillee c Wasim Raja b Azeem	0
R M Hogg not out	7
Extras (l-b 9, w 3, n-b 7)	19
Total (9 wkts dec)	436

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-293, 3-321, 4-367, 5-385, 6-404, 7-424, 8-424, 9-436.

BOWLING: Tahir 22-6-78-0; Azeem 27.3-5-100-5; Mudassar 15-1-39-0; Nazir 29-5-91-1; Qadir 32-4-121-3.

PAKISTAN First Innings

Mohsin Khan c Marsh b Hogg	8
Mudassar Nazar c Phillips b Lillee	1
Qasim Omar c Yallop b Rackemann	48
Javed Miandad c Phillips b Hogg	0
*Zaheer Abbas c Phillips b Hogg	0
Wasim Raja c Chappell b Rackemann	14
†Wasim Bari c Chappell b Rackemann	14
Tahir Naqqash not out	29
Abdul Qadir b Rackemann	5
Mohammad Nazir c Chappell b Rackemann	16
Azeem Hafeez c Border b Lawson	1
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 4)	7
Total	129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-12, 3-15, 4-15, 5-55, 6-68, 7-90, 8-105, 9-124, 10-129.

BOWLING: Lillee 13-3-26-1; Hogg 12-4-20-3; Rackemann 8-0-32-5; Lawson 7.2-0-48-1.

Second Innings

Mohsin Khan c Border b Rackemann	24
Mudassar Nazar c Chappell b Rackemann	27
Qasim Omar not out	53
Javed Miandad not out	25
Extras (l-b 6, w 2, n-b 18)	26
Total (2 wkts)	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-63.

BOWLING (to date): Lillee 13-3-28-0; Hogg 12-2-36-0; Rackemann 13-4-37-2; Lawson 7-0-28-0; Chappell 9-1-20-0.

Umpires: M Johnson and P McConnell.

Imran under attack

Perth (Reuter) - Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, who has a stress fracture of his left shin, said he was prepared to fly home immediately if any of his team had lost confidence in him.

Asif Iqbal, a former captain, had said that Imran's announcement that he was not fit for the current test match, nor possibly for the second one as well, could have an extremely demoralizing effect.

His views were supported by the team Cricketers' Association of Pakistan, who said that the acting captain, Zaheer Abbas, would not be able to make independent decisions on vital matters.

Asif later said: "I would like Imran to know that I am praying for him to get fit, not only for this series, but for many more series to come".

"As far as I'm concerned," Imran said, "it is easier to go home than to stand up and face the pressure and make a success of the tour."

Imran: looking forward

HOCKEY

Reprieve for Sussex all too brief

By Sydney Friskin

Surrey 6
Sussex 3

(after extra time)

There were thrills aplenty from a fast and open game yesterday at Horsham, where Surrey defeated Sussex in extra time, after the score had stood at 2-2 by the end of full time. Surrey thus qualified to meet Middlesex next Sunday in the South final of the county championship, Middlesex having beaten Kent 1-0 yesterday at Teddington.

Barely a minute of normal time was left when van Asselt, a Dutchman who lives in Eastbourne, converted a penalty stroke of Sussex, but the man who earned them their reprieve was Jerry Cox, whose sudden burst of speed was brought to a halt when he was obstructed inside the circle, the offence for which Surrey conceded the stroke. The quality of Cox's play suggested that he would be an asset to an England team.

It was Cox's perseverance which had enabled Sussex to take the lead when van Asselt followed up to score in the fourteenth minute of the second half, a lead which was soon neutralised when Cairns converted a short corner for Surrey. Eyles, who had a superb game at inside forward, then put Surrey ahead, although his effort was helped by a Sussex defender, who deflected the ball into goal.

Surrey had made something out of their numerous short corners, whereas Sussex were untidy in their handling of these awards. They were unfortunate to have lost two solid defenders, Mott and Longstreet, who were injured and had to be replaced, thus causing some disarray in their rearguard.

Surrey came to life in the first period of extra time. Two well-taken goals by Oddy, and one by Cairns from a short corner, superbly struck, put them into a 5-2 lead. Their sixth goal was scored in the second period of extra time by Newton from a penalty stroke, after Diamond had been brought down by the goalkeeper. However Jerry Cox has the last word with his stickwork and acceleration, coming through on the right all on his own to score for Sussex.

SUSSEX: T Gregory (Beckenham); G Barnes (Chichester), M Thompson (East Grinstead), C Smith (Chichester), Jason Cox (Middleton), N Longstreet (East Grinstead, captain; sub N Parker, Worthing), Jerry Cox (Bognor Regis), J Mott (Worthing; sub N Burley, Chichester), P Langham (Chichester), C Dand (Worthing), B van Asselt (Eastbourne).

SURREY: R Bateman (Purley; sub D Rogers, Hawks); G Daubeney (Richmond), B Wells (Richmond), I Carley (Guildford), A Cairns (Guildford), P Newton (Richmond, captain), C Eyles (Hounslow), A Diamond (Beckenham), I Rehncy (Spencer; sub D Francis, Surbiton), C Cottrell (Guildford), T Oddy (Guildford).

Umpires: C Brine and N Grieve (Southern Counties).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Lancashire 1, Durham 0; Northumberland 3, Cumbria 0; Yorkshire 1, Cheshire 1. West: Cornwall 1, Dorset 5; Gloucestershire 5, Hereford 3; Devon 3, Wiltshire 2. Midlands: Final: Worcestershire 1, Warwickshire 0 (after extra time). East: Semi-finals: Suffolk 0, Hertfordshire 3; Cambridgeshire 2, Bedfordshire 0. South: Semi-finals: Surrey 6, Sussex 3; (after extra time: score at full time 2-2); Middlesex 1, Kent 0.

LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackheath 2, Guildford 0; Hounslow 5, Beckenham 2; Spencer 0, Southgate 2. League: Bromley 1, Teddington 1; Cheam 0, Tulse Hill 4; Hampstead 3, London University 3; Oxford University 1, Dulwich 2; Purley 3, Old Kingstonians 3; Reading 0, Richmond 0; St Albans 2, Maidenhead 0; Slough 7, Mid-Surrey 1; Surbiton 0, Cambridge University 1; Wimbledon 1, Hawks 0.

WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brean 4, Exeter Crickets 0; Cheltenham 3, Exeter U 1; Gloucester 2, Taunton Vale 0; Marlborough 2, Isca 0; Plymouth 3, Plymouth Grammar School Old Boys 0; Swindon 1, Firebrands 0; West Gloucestershire 1, Bristol 1.

SOUTH WALES: Premier division: Lanishen 0, Swansea 1; Penarth 2, Cardiff 3; Newport 5, University College Cardiff 3; Whitchurch 5, Cymbran 1.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 1, Harleston Magpies 3; Broxbourne 2, Pelicans 0; Chelmsford 0, Bishop's Stortford 2; Ipswich 0, Fords 1; Norwich Grasshoppers 0, Norfolk Wanderers 0; Old Loughtonians 2, Long Sutton 1; St Neots 0, Cambridge City 1; Westcliff 1, Blueharts 1.

WOMEN: Middlesex Cup: First round: Chiswick 0, Harrow 0 (Chiswick won 3-0 on penalties).

Durham gain an honourable draw

By Joyce Whitehead

Durham made a good start in the county championships at Norton on Saturday, holding Lancashire to 1-1 draw. They led at half-time with a goal from Marie Burnham. Lancashire came back strongly to equalize through Trish Mawdsley, but the Durham defence, marshalled by Annette Immison, held out.

In the South, Surrey has a frustrating time against a defensive Hampshire side before winning 2-0 with goals in the second half from Ruth Hine and Karen Brown. Middlesex, held to 1-1 at half-time by Buckinghamshire, finished strongly to win 4-2.

In the Midlands, Bedfordshire beat Shropshire 2-1 thanks to two goals from Dale Boyce (Chiltern), newly promoted from the second XI. Julie Brown and Anita Briddon scored to give Derbyshire a 2-0 lead over Warwickshire at half-time but Warwickshire came back strongly in the second half and won the match 3-2.

RESULTS: Middlesex 4, Buckinghamshire 2; Surrey 2, Hampshire 0; Warwickshire 3, Derbyshire 2; Northamptonshire 2, Nottinghamshire 1; Bedfordshire 2, Shropshire 1; Staffordshire 4, Worcestershire 0; Durham 1, Lancashire 1.

RACKETS

Authority of experience

By William Stephens

William Boone and David Norman imposed the authority of experience on the Tonbridgian second pair, Graham Cowdrey, aged 19 – a young England cricketer – and Jonathan Spurling, aged 23, winning 15-8, 15-4, 15-9, 18-13 in the Noel Bruce cupfinal at Queen's Club on Saturday.

Norman, who has won several titles in Canada and the United States, as well as the Noel Bruce Cup in 1964 with Tom Pugh, served particularly well and played an effective supporting role, but the decisive factor was the ability of Boone – a world championship challenger – to terminate rallies with withering kill shots low and deep to a perfect length, such as that to win the first game.

The young qualifiers, having defeated some of the best pairs in the competition, showed frustration at not being able to give their aggression free rein, being pinned down by the lethal power of Boone.

Occasionally, however, they unleashed themselves and showed their talent, notably Spurling's excellent strokes down the wall and Cowdrey's use of the angles; they were beginning to get the measure of the Etonians in the fourth game, but Boone served out the set to five.

Cowdrey shortly leaves to join Christopher, his brother, playing cricket in Cape Town for the winter.

IN BRIEF

Happy ending for Moreno

Brazil's Roberto Moreno won his second Australian grand prix motor race in Melbourne yesterday after the early leader, Alfredo Costanzo, was sidelined with gearbox problems. Costanzo beat Moreno, the pole position man into the first corner, and led by two-seconds at lap 20. But in lap 25 of 100 laps Costanzo was forced to retire.

ICE SKATING: Brian Orser, the Canadian champion gave an excellent display of poise and balance to win the men's free skating event at the international figure skating tournament in, The Hague. He now looks set for honours at the winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo next February.

RACING: EKBALCO PUT DOWN AFTER FALL AT NEWCASTLE

Head to head: Neale Doughty forces Pounentes (far side) home in front of St Alezan (photograph: Ed Byrne)

Triumph and tragedy hand in hand

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The ups and downs of National Hunt racing were surely never better illustrated than on Saturday. While Pounentes was giving his owner and trainer, Billy McGhie, the thrill of a lifetime by winning the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham, those closely associated with that top-class hurdler, Ekbalco, were plummeting into the depths of depression at Newcastle after their good horse had injured himself so badly when falling in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle that he had to be put down. The irony was that John O'Neill would have been on the winner of the big race at Cheltenham had he not been claimed by Roger Fisher to ride Ekbalco.

Pounentes's victory was a prime example of why National Hunt racing is like a breath of fresh air after the tangled world of commercialism and high finance in which Flat racing now finds itself. Pounentes is one of only three horses that his permit-holder owner has and the only one that is in full training. Since taking out that permit before the start of this season McGhie has lent heavily on Ron Barry and O'Neill for advice and help with training.

He could hardly have chosen better. Nor could he have picked a much better substitute for O'Neill than Neale Doughty who also knew the horse well when he was trained by Gordon Richards. On Saturday Doughty rode like a man inspired to force Pounentes past St Alezan on the run-in and then stave off the brave counter-attack from the second. McGhie was unable to celebrate his horse's great victory in the manner he would have liked because within an hour of the race he was faced with driving his horse home himself – and home was 280 miles away over the Scottish border.

With that journey back to Dumfriesshire behind him yesterday celebrations were in full swing at last. As for Doughty he celebrated his appointment as Ron Barry's successor as first jockey to Gordon Richards by also winning the Coventry Novices Steeplechase on Noddy's Ryde.

Northern trainers enjoyed something of a field day at Cheltenham. Allerlea made his trip from Hawick for the Nicolet Instruments Handicap Hurdle worthwhile and then Santella King justifed Michael Dickinson's decision to cash in quickly on his fitness after his win at Nottingham last Monday by taking the Rosehill Hurdle.

At Newcastle backers of Dickinson's only other runner enjoyed a much less hair-raising experience when Visconti jumped like an old hand and won the Embassy Premier Steeplechase qualifier more or less as he pleased.

However, the main talking point at Newcastle was inevitably Ekbalco's death. Jumping has always thrived on its start but being an injury-prone sport they are inevitably rarer than on the flat. So when we lose one that loss is felt even more acutely just as it was when Lanzarote, Golden Cygnet and Deep Wealth all went the same way.

Ironically Ekbalco fell in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle last year when seemingly poised to win. Only that was at the last hurdle and he got away with it. This time it was at the previous flight and that mistake proved to be his last. At the time he seemed to be going every bit as well as Gaye Brief.

Equally sad for some had been the death at Cheltenham just 24 hours earlier of Rusthall, who had to be put down after breaking down irreparably in the last race for which he was the hot favourite at 13-8 on. He may not have captured the public imagination the way that Ekbalco did, but he was still a great favourite within his own camp, so much so that the board of the newly instituted British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Public Limited Company had decided to lease and race him

More than 2,000 of the 3,300 shareholders in that company assembled at Newbury racecourse yesterday to celebrate not only the successful launching of their company, but also to inspect the eight yearlings that have been bought on their behalf with professional advice for a combined total of £386,000.

All Along scoops the $1m jackpot

From Peter Towers-Clark
Laurel, Maryland

Taking the lead effortlessly on the far side of the course, All Along, at 5-2 on, never for one moment left any doubt that she was going to land the $1m bonus that went with winning Saturday's Washington DC International here, folliwing victories in the Rothmans International and Turf Classic.

With Walter Swinburn having to do no more than tap her down the shoulder, he could afford to glance back at the opposition three times as All Along strode to a superlative three and threequarter lengths victory over another French horse, Welsh Term, the extreme outsider in the field at 44-1.

In a photo-finish for third place, with only heads separating four horses, Cormorant Wood, the English challenger, just failed to hold off the American representatives, Majesty's Prince and Hush Dear, and the Irish filly, Give Thanks.

With the front-running Nijinsky's Secret an absentee because of overnight colic, the early pace was moderate on the yielding going

"I was going so easily in the back stretch," Swinburn said afterwards, "that I decided to let her go on. I knew then that I already had the race won."

From that moment the issue was never in doubt. Welsh Term ran on into second place as Cauthen brought Cormorant Wood with a promising run to move into third rounding the bend and it looked as if the English filly might well run on into second place.

Give Thanks, who lost her place as the pace was raised, was running on well at the finish and only just failed to catch the two American horses.

But it was All Along's day and Laurel's president, John D Schapiro, with a million-dollar cheque in his pocket, presented a large facsmile of it to Daniel Wildenstein, All Along's owner.

All Along's earnings of close on $2.5m put her below only John Henry and Spectacular Bid in the list of all times stakes earners. After her connextions had deliberated overnight over her future, Patrick-Louis Biancone, her trainer, told me at the stables yesterday morning that All Along would not run in the Japan Cup but would definitely stay in training next season.

The plan will be to give her a long rest and then bring her back for another autumn campaign. Biancone does not rule out the possibility of letting her run on dirt in one of the rich Breeders' Cup races a year from now – "especially if they will offer a $2m dollars bonus", he joked.

For the present he says that the best gift that he could receive would be to have All Along chosen as America's horse of the year. It is difficult to imagine how any other horse can be considered

WASHINGTON D C INTERNATIONAL (Grade I: $92,025: 1m 4f)
ALL ALONG b f by Targowice – Agujita (D Wildenstein 4 8 12 ....W R Swinburn 1
Welsh Term ....D Miller jr 2
Majesty's Prince ....A Cordero jr 3
Pari-mutuel ($2 stake): Win 2.80. (Places (1-2): 2.60, 11.60. Show (1-2-3): 2.20 4.60, 3.00. P-L Biancone, in France. 3¾l, 2¾l. 8 ran. NR: Nijinsky's Secret.

STATE OF GOING: Folkestone, firm; Carlisle, good to firm; Wolverhampton, chase course firm, hurdles good. Tomorrow: Devon, chase good to firm, hurdles firm; Nottingham, chase firm, hurdles good to firm.

A touch of irony about Weld's first Irish title

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

Robert Sangster, who was champion flat race owner in England during 1983, also headed the list in Ireland when their season came to a close on Saturday.

However, Vincent O'Brien who trains most of the Sangster horses, had to surrender the trainer's title to Dermot Weld. Although Weld has been leading trainer as regards races won for eight out of the past 10 years, this was the first time that his horses have won more money

Ironically it was the reopening of Phoenix Park racecourse by a syndicate headed by O'Brien that brought this about. Weld failed to win a single classic during the year, but he was outstandingly successful at Phoenix Park where the level of prize-money was much greater than that offered at any other Irish racecourse.

Christy Roche retained his title as champion jockey and the runner-up, Michael J Kinane, will take over next season as first jockey to Dermot Weld. Kinane's attempt to win the Leopardstown November Handicap on the top weight, Ounavarra, was narrowly foiled by Gallant Royal. In a 28-runner field the first two sorted themselves out at the distance and Gallant Royal, getting two stone from the challenger, held on to win this race for the second successive season.

"I'll send Gallant Royal to Newbury for a hurdle here early in the new year", Mick O'Toole, who trains the winner for his wife, said afterwards.

The star attraction at Leopardstown was the reappearance of the dual Irish Cesarewitch winner, Five Nations, in the Carrickmines Hurdle. Ridden with extraordinary confidence by Tommy Carmody, Five Nations won with a lot more in hand from Celtic Spirit than the official verdict of threequarters of a length, suggests. If Five Nations keeps this form he will be a redoubtable opponent for the best of the season's novice hurdlers in England and Ireland.

Folkestone

1.15 BURWASH HURDLE (3-y-o: £552: 2m 110yds) (9 runners)

3 1143 STAR CHARTER (R Ellis) J Jenkins 11-6 ....S Smith Eccles
13 HAND OF ZEUS (B) (G MacDonald) D Gandolfo 10-10 ....M Richards 4
16 MAURMAX (A Sims) Pat Mitchell 10-10 ....M Sims 7
17 MENTON (Mrs J Smith) D Murray-Smith 10-10 ....G Newman
24 00 EPRYANA (N Lee jun) M Madgwick 10-5 ....A Madgwick 4
25 FOR VALOUR (M Keegan) M Keegan 10-5 ....J Akehurst 4
27 GABLES FLIGHT (Mrs T Dodd) D Grissell 10-5 ....R Goldstein
32 MIND OUT (G Carlotti) G Ripley 10-5 ....G Moore
33 SAX (M Bryant) S Woodman 10-5 ....W Smith

1-3 Star Charter, 5 Sax, 8 Hand Of Zeus, 14 Menton, 20 Gables Flight, 25 others.

1.45 COAST TO COAST CHASE (Novices: £984: 3m 2f) (7)

1 303-414 DOWNPAYMENT (Mrs S Crowe) M Bolton 9-11-1 ....R Powell
4 P0P-0F3 FRENCH BOB (T Jarvis) F Sutherland 9-10-10 ....Mr A Sharpe 4
5 02-31F2 HELLO KILLINEY (P Madigan) J Jenkins 6-10-10 ....S Smith Eccles
9 0PP3P-0 JUST A GHOST (Miss S French) Mrs J French 7-20-10 ....Miss S French 4
11 42F0-0F NORTH WEST (F Hill) A Moore 8-10-10 ....G Moore
13 0P/0-04 SECOND RISE (M Gadsby) D Weeden 7-10-10 .... –
17 20/2-P1 BIDDY CHARLEY (Watergate Ltd) Miss L Bower 8-10-5 ....R Earnshaw

Evens Hello Killiney, 4 Biddy Charley, 6 Downpayment, 8 North West, 10 French Bob, 16 Second Rise, 20 Just A Ghost.

2.15 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Novices: £886: 2m 110yds) (5)

1 00-P01 FORESTDALE (C Wates) C Wates 5-11-10 .... –
2 0004-01 SUPER TEK (J Howgego) B Wise 5-11-6 ....R Powell
3 0-30021 LADYCROSS (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-1 ....B De Haan
11 P000- SAUCY VULGAN (Miss E Sneyd) Miss E Sneyd 4-10-10 ....R Stronge 4
14 20346-0 MAJESTIC CUE (J Fitch-Heyes) R Howe 4-10-5 ....R Goldstein

10-11 Super Tek, 3 Ladycross, 7-2 Forestdale, 10 Majestic Cue, 20 Saucy Vulgan.

2.45 WHITELAW GOLD CUP (Chase: £1,192: 2m 4f) (5)

2 221110- COMBS DITCH (D) (R Tory) D Elsworth 7-11-12 ....Doubtful
3 111314- SILVER BUCK (CD) (Mrs C Feather) M W Dickinson 11-11-12 ....R Earnshaw
4 143F1-U IDEN GREEN (P Hanneford) D Grissell 8-11-8 ....M Perrett
7 F/P03F0 CITY MONEY (M Smith) M Smith 9-10-11 ....Mr C Newport 7
8 0402F-4 GLENJADE (N Wheeler) N Wheeler 8-10-11 ....Mr N Wheeler

1-6 Silver Buck, 8 Iden Green, 16 Glenjade, 33 City Money.

3.15 BIDDENDEN HURDLE (Selling: £857: 2m 110yds) (21)

3 /20-010 END OF ERA (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 5-11-4 ....S Smith Eccles
8 000 ON SIGHT (Mrs J Owen) D Ancil 10-11-4 ....Mr J Owen
9 3 PETER'S QUARTER (J Fox) J Fox 8-11-4 ....M Coyle
11 23111P SCOT BENNETT (B) (N Upson) G Ripley 5-11-4 ....P Upson
12 003102 VENTURION (M Perlotti) J Davies 9-11-4 ....L Mancini 7
13 0001-00 RUSSIAN SALAD (E Jones) F Jordan 4-11-0 .... –
16 0-303FP IRISH PAGEANT (B) (T King) W King 9-10-13 ....C Mann 4
18 060030- MILITARY CROWN (R Hall) P Allingham 8-10-13 ....M Hammond 4
23 00P00-0 TARA'S CHIEFTAIN (B) (C White) C White 5-10-13 ....M Perrett
25 00-P008 LITTLE LONDON (M Smith) M Smith 4-10-9 ....Mr C Newport 7
26 MAJNOON LEYLA (L Vine) M Masson 4-10-9 .... –
27 0000- MANDRIANO (P Hedger) P Hedger 4-10-9 .... –
28 P MANICOU'S GEM (C Godden) M Bolton 4-10-9 .... –
30 000-103 PRINCESS SALUKI (L Connell) M Connell 4-10-9 ....R Earnshaw
31 F-00 THOMAS A BECKET (P Brown) Mrs N Smith 4-10-9 ....R Rowe
33 00-000 WORLINGWORTH WALTZ (A Bateson) D Jermy 4-10-8 ....R G Hughes
36 00000-0 SARATOGA CHIP (B) (C Cory) R Voorspuy 5-10-8 ....R Powell
37 002-000 XENIA (Mrs Z Kennedy) R Howe 5-10-8 ....R Goldstein
39 30 JAZZ FORTESCUE (Mrs E Jackman) A Davison 4-10-4 ....R Chapman
41 0- NOT SO DEAR (Mrs C Howard) A Davison 4-10-4 .... –
42 P SHARP MELODY (Mrs F Baxter) H Beasley 4-10-4 ....M Furlong

5-2 End Of Era, 7-2 Venturion, 4 Scot Bennett, 6 Princess Saluki, 8 Peter's Quarter, 10 Jazz Fortescue, 12 Worlingworth Waltz, 16 others.

3.45 APPLEDORE HURDLE Handicap: £947: 2m 5f) (6)

1 04-2220 JOHN BRUSH (Mrs N Goulandris) J Gifford 5-12-2 ....E Murphy 4
5 003224 GAZAAN (B) (R Brown) P Mitchell 5-11-5 ....R G Hughes
11 6P0P0P- POLAR EXPRESS (T W King) W King 8-10-6 ....C Mann 4
15 000000- PIN TUCK (J A D Ltd) Miss E Sneyd 9-10-3 ....R Stronge 4
21 02-0102 MR LINNET (CD) (Mrs K Baldry) G Wareham 11-10-0 ....L Mancini 7
22 /P0P4-F CELTIC WAY (G Wareham) G Wareham 7-10-0 ....C Gwilliam

6-4 Gazaan, 3 John Brush, 5 Mr Linnet, 8 Celtic Way, 10 Pin Tuck, 12 Polar Express.

Folkestone Selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Star Charter, 1.45 North West, 2.15 Ladycross, 2.45 Silver Buck, 3.15 End of Era, 3.45 Gazaan.

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 Whatton Marina, 1.30 Comedian, 2.0 Bashful Lad, 2.30 Fury Boy, 3.0 Playschool, 3.30 Ensigns Kit.

Carlisle selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Houghton Weaver, 1.45 Swift Albany, 2.15 Burelor, 2.45 Comerce, 3.15 Ormiston. 3.45 Polish

● David Murray-Smith, former assistant trainer to Dick Hern and Vincent O'Brien has his first runner as a trainer in his own right, at Folkestone today. Murray-Smith saddles Menton, who makes his debut in the Burwash Novices' Hurdle. During his six years with Hern, Murray-Smith played an important part in the career of Troy and in his four years with O'Brien, he helped plan the successes of Storm Bird, Monteverdi and Golden Fleece. He trains at Park Barn, Marlborough, above the gallops of Andy Turnell and Peter Makin. Murray-Smith will be concentrating on the Flat and already has 15 yearlings in his care for next season.

Wolverhampton

1.0 VICTORIA HURDLE (selling handicap: conditional jockeys: £608: 2m 7f) (10)

1 04f-p NORTHERN KNIGHT R Thompson 6-12-7 ....Jayne Thompson 7
4 00p0- THUMPS J Dalton 7-11-5 ....B Crawford 7
7 0003 ETOILE LEADER J Smith 7-11-1 ....K Burke 7
8 0300 FAIR DUEL W Clay 6-11-0 ....R Hatfield 7
10 033-0 SNOWFLAKE H Jackson 6-11-0 ....N Greaves 7
11 0-c00 GLITTERATI R Hickman 6-10-11 ....W Hayes 7
12 4030 RIVER WARRIOR J Bradley 5-10-11 ....B Powell 7
14 fb02 WHATTON MARINA (B) P Felgate 5-10-7 ....P Dever
15 p-0r0 STRASS CHANDELIER W Turner 4-10-7 ....D Chinn 7
16 p-000 DIPALLINO B Charnley 7-10-7 ....T Donnelly 7

2 Etoile Leader, 3 Whatton Marina, 4 River Warrior, 8 Northern Knight, 14 Fair Deal, 16 Glitterati, 20 others.

1.30 WULFRUNA CHASE (novices: £1,171: 2m) (7)

1 3021 COMEDIAN (D) D Nicholson 5-11-5 ....P Scudamore
4 10-ff BATTLEFIELD BAND P Calver 6-10-12 ....A Webber
5 0-40u ENERGISE B Shaw 5-10-12 ....S Keightley
8 030- GRAND HARMONY Mrs M Rimell 6-10-12 ....S Morshead
22 0-034 ANOTHER SPIN Mrs J Hodgkiss 6-10-7 ....J Bryan
24 000-f LAUREPPA N Gaselee 6-10-7 ....V McKevitt 4
25 00-02 TARA'S NEWS R Perkins 6-10-7 ....Mr D Williams

8-11 Comedian, 9-2 Grand Harmony, 7 Tara's News, 12 Another Spin, Battlefield Band, 20 others.

2.0 STAVELEY CHASE (handicap: £1,744: 3m 2f) (5)

2 1311 BASHFUL LAD M Oliver 8-11-9 (5 ex) ....A Webber
3 p-00p OAKPRIME (B) D Nicholson 8-11-7 ....P Scudamore
9 104-4 PLUNDERING F Winter 6-10-11 ....J Francome
12 2321 THE COPLOW W Wharton 10-10-8 (5 ex) ....S J O'Neill
17 2113 GOLD CASTE (D) P O'Connor 6-10-0 ....P Farrell 7

6-4 Plundering, 15-8 Bashful Lad, 5 The Coplow, 7 Oakprime, 10 Gold Caste.

2.30 COVEN CHASE (handicap: £1,253: 2m 4f) (5)

2 0-0ff PIZZA (D) N Gaselee 12-11-7 ....R Linley
6 301f SOME JINKS (D) W Clay 7-10-6 ....M Brennan
9 0-242 FURY BOY (D) D Nicholson 10-10-13 ....P Scudamore
10 02pb STATE RUN (D) M Low 8-10-2 ....J Burke
13 00-34 INTOXICATED T Nicholls 8-10-0 ....J A Harris

11-10 Fury Bay, 3 Some Jinks, 9-2 Intoxicated, 9 Pizza, 12 State Run.

3.0 REYNOLDSTOWN CUP (novices hurdle: £1,982: 2m 4f) (9)

3 021 PLAYSCHOOL D Barons 5-11-2 ....H Davies
7 p/ff- CARA BID E Barlow 7-10-12 ....Mr P Powell 7
8 004-2 CELTIC TIME A Turnell 6-10-12 ....Steve Knight
12 MR PARSONS D Nicholson 5-10-12 ....P Scudamore
14 0- SAMMY DRAKE Mrs W Sykes 6-10-12 ....S Morshead
18 002-2 COMRA J Wright 4-10-7 ....K Mooney
23 1130 LOCHLINNHE (D) R Thompson 4-10-7 ....K Whyte
24 20-00 SWEET KOE J Brennan 6-10-7 ....G McCourt
25 0400- RUEFUL LADY Mrs D Onions 4-10-2 ....J Nolan

5-4 Playschool, 100-30 Lochlinnhe, 5 Mr Parsons, 8 Celtic Time, 14 Comra, 20 others.

3.30 BILSTON HURDLE (handicap: £1,276: 2m) (13)

3 00-33 JUPITER EXPRESS (D) J FitzGerald 5-11-7 ....M Dwyer
4 1310 RAGE GLEN (D) M Lambert 6-11-2 ....P A Charlton
5 340-0 MARINE (C,D) G Balding 5-11-0 ....B Reilly
7 010-2 FISHERMANS VIEW Mrs M Rimell 5-10-13 ....A Morshead
11 1200- CONS PAL (D) D Wintle 5-10-11 ....R Hyett
12 0-03f ENSIGNS KIT (D) A Brisbourne 8-10-11 ....M Brisbourne
13 021f- GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (D) C Trietline 5-10-9 ....J Suthern
15 0033 QUICKTHORN (D) R Hartop 7-10-6 ....J Barlow
16 00f0- MASTERPLAN Mrs G Sykes 6-10-5 ....J Bryan
19 40-01 MOUNTAIN MAN (D) R Brazington 7-10-3 (6 ex) ....C Jones
22 0121/ CAERNARVON BAY Mrs A Cousins 7-10-1 ....M Williams
26 p-002 JUBILEE DOVE R Price 6-10-0 ....C Smith
28 /00-0 WING VELVET (D) J Wright 5-10-0 ....K Mooney

5-2 Fisherman's View, 7-2 Jupiter Express, Ensigns Kit, 11-2 Quickthorn, 7 Mountain Man, 10 Rage Glen, 16 Con's Pal, 20 others.

Carlisle

1.15 AMBLESIDE HURDLE (novices: £645: 2m 330yd) (9 runners)

2 001 HOUGHTON WEAVER W Holden 4-11-10 ....D Wilkinson
3 4044 LITTLE TEMPEST W A Stephenson 4-11-10 ....G W Gray
4 FRANK STEWART T Cuthbert 6-11-3 ....D Johnston 7
6 U24/ SOMEL J S Wilson 5-11-3 ....B Storey 4
15 PITCRUIVIE G Richards 4-11-0 ....N Doughty
16 F000 RUSHING FLING C Bell 4-11-0 ....P Tuck
21 GRACIE ROGERS (B) R Morris 5-10-12 ....P Dever 7
23 LITTLE MITTENS R Barr 5-10-12 .... –
25 0040- TECHNICAL MERIT Mrs K Coulman 4-10-9 ....C McIlfatrick 7

5-4 Little Tempest, 9-4 Houghton Weaver, 5 Pitcruivie, 12 Somel, 14 Rushign Fling, 16 Frank Stewart, 20 others.

1.45 THRELKELD CHASE (handicap: £1,027: 2m 4f) (6)

3 23-1U SWIFT ALBANY (CD) R Robinson 9-11-7 ....Mandy Harrison 7
6 4141- SUNLIT RIVER W Haigh 6-11-0 ....A Brown
11 PP-12 ONLY MONEY (CD) G Richards 12-10-5 ....N Doughty
13 4323 DR GUILLOTINE (C) W Fairgrieve 8-10-0 ....K Jones 4
14 4F4F SAINT-MUNN (B) Mrs D Culham 9-10-0 ....S Charlton
15 0302 OKEHAMPTON W Holden 8-10-0 ....J J O'Neill

9-4 9-4 Only Money, 3 Swift Albany, 9-2 Okehampton, 6 Dr Guillotine, 8 Sunlit River, 10 Saint-Munn.

2.15 PATTERDALE CHASE (handicap: £1,341: 3m) (6)

5 4-F03 SPARKIE'S CHOICE (CD) (B) N Crump 10-11-7 ....C Hawkins
8 FF-U2 THREE TO ONE (CD) K Oliver 12-10-9 ....T G Dun
11 0-410 MAN ALIVE (CD) R Peacock 12-10-0 ....J J O'Neill
13 1-3U0 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (D) W A Stephenson 6-10-0 ....K Jones 4
18 2232 BURELOR (CD) (B) G Richards 10-10-0 ....J Hansen 4
23 P0P4 YALA E Alston 10-10-0 ....Mrs J Conway

6-4 Sparkie's Choice, 2 Three To One, 5 Burelor, 8 Man Alive, 12 Unscurupious Judge, 20 Yalu.

2.45 COCKERMOUTH HURLDE (amateurs: handicap: £875: 2m 330yd) (16)

1 10-03 GRAPHIC SOLAR B McMahon 5-11-10 ....Mr E McMahon 7
4 1100 GALA LAD (CD) N Bycroft 9-11-7 ....Mr D Browne
6 1/132- COLOURFULL PADDY (C) G Richards 8-11-5 ....Mr K Darby 7
8 2214 EBORACUM B Wilkinson 5-11-2 ....Mr G Harker 7
13 130/0 COMERCE R Barr 8-10-13 ....Mr N Jones 7
15 U00-P TYNWALD MILLENIUM (CD) J Barry 7-10-11 ....Mr D Coakley 7
16 2033- AMBER VALE (CD) D Chapman 6-10-10 ....Mr T Walford 7
19 23-00 DUSTY FARLOW R Morris 4-10-7 ....Miss L Wallace 7
20 0202- MR SNOW (CD) W Tinning 8-10-5 ....Mrs J Tinning 7
21 3400- BEAU WYNK B Key 10-10-1 ....Miss D Key 7
22 3033 ANOTHER SPECIAL W Francis 5-10-0 ....Mrs S Aston 7
23 044/0 YELLOW STAR T Cuthbert 10-10-0 ....Mr T Morrison 7
24 00P/0 RED KNIGHT E Alston 7-10-0 ....Mrs J Conway 7
26 0-203 DANBRID J Beck 4-10-0 ....Mr J Johnston 7
28 00U4 MADMARK W Jacques 8-10-0 ....Mr C Storey 7
29 0000 MIDNIGHT MARY J Carden 8-10-0 ....Miss C Carden 7

5-2 Gala Lad, 3 Graphic Solar, 11-2 Another Special, 13-2 Dusty Farlow, Amber Vale, 10 Colourfull Paddy, 12 others.

3.15 KESWICK CHASE (novices: £942: 2m) (9)

9 P/042- DUKES GOLD G Richards 6-11-3 ....N Doughty
10 20/PP- GLORY SNATCHER G Richards 7-11-3 ....Mr K Darby
14 0-PP2 JIMMY CHIPS W Shaw 6-11-3 ....B Storey 4
17 0P-F4 ORMISTON K Oliver 5-11-3 ....T G Dun
23 4-420 WHITE PRINCE F Walton 6-11-3 ....Mr J Walton
24 0PU0- JOYFUL STAR J Dixon 6-10-12 ....Mr L Hudson 4
26 00-U0 OLIVE PRESS A Mactaggart 8-10-12 ....Mr A Dudgeon 4
27 000-0 PACIFIC SPENDOUR C Bell 4-10-5 ....D Turnbull
28 03 VILLIERSTOWN W A Stephenson 4-10-5 ....K Jones 4

11-10 Jimmy Chips, 15-8 Villierstown, 6 White Prince, 12 Duke's Gold, 14 Ormiston, 20 others.

3.45 AMBLESIDE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £636: 2m 330yd) (9)

1 2414 WATCHKNOWE LAD W Young 5-11-13 ....Mr R Robinson 7
2 00-10 LADY LAWYER (CD) (B) J Brockbank 5-11-8 ....T G Dun
3 0013 STEP ASHORE (CD) Mrs K Coulman 4-11-5 ....C McIlfatrick 7
4 0 AVON OAK D MacDonald 6-11-3 ....D Goulding
10 423F MOON DREAMER G Richards 7-11-3 ....N Doughty
11 4 POLISH N Crump 5-11-3 ....C Hawkins
15 000/0 VICTORY BOY T Cuthbert 5-11-3 ....B Storey 4
16 ANOTHER CANTAB G Richards 4-11-0 ....Mr D Coakley 7
19 0000 MOSSY CONES W A Stephenson 4-11-0 ....K Jones 4

9-4 Step Ashore, 3 Watchknowe Lad, 5 Lady Lawyer, 13-2 Polish, Moon Dreamer, 12 others.

Cheltenham results

1.0 1, The Floodgate (10-11 fav); 2, Sweet Mandy (6-4). 3 ran (only 2 finished).

1.35 1, Allerlea (4-1); 2, Legal Session (4-1); 3, Lion Hill (5-2 fav). 5 ran. Crown Land (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets – deduction 10p in £.

2.10 1, Pounentes (7-1); 2, St Alezan (8-1); 3, Richdee (11-2). 9 ran. Fifty Dollars More 4-1 fav. NR: Grey Dolphin.

2.45 1, Santella King (8-11 fav); 2, Record Dancer (9-4); 3, Leave It To Bally (10-1). 7 ran.

3.20 1, Noddy's Ryde (4-9 fav); 2, Leading Artist (7-2); 3, Hot Match (5-1). 3 ran.

1, Palatinate (5-1); 2, Boardmans Crown (9-4); 3, Bright Oasis (15-8 fav). 5 ran.

Newcastle

1.0: 1, Spring Chancellor (5-2); 2, Mountain Hays (40-85 fav); 3, Book of Kells (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Birsby.

1.30: 1, Aristo Treat (9-2); 2, Abu Torkey (8-1); 3, Louviers (4-1). 9 ran. Numerate 13-8 fav.

2.0: 1, Visconti (4-11 fav); 2, Snow Blessed (4-1); 3, Selborne Rambler (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Chef Marcel.

2.30: 1, Gaye Brief (4-9 fav); 2, Migrator (11-1); 3, Welsh Diamond (150-1). 5 ran.

3.5: 1, Midnight Love (5-1); 2, Kudos (15-8 fav); 3, Bush Guide (15-2). 8 ran.

3.35: 1, Spritebrand (8-11 fav); 2, Topleigh (12-1); 3, Moonlighting (10-1). 11 ran.

Windsor

1.15: 1, Young Daniel (9-4 fav); 2, Fast Service (7-2); 3, Border Sun (10-1). 16 ran. NR: Lautrec, Pete Rocket, Pontos.

1.45: 1, Outlaw Man (4-9 fav); 2, Takeafence (2-1). 2 ran.

2.15: 1, Pillsbury (6-1); 2, Skylander (3-1 fav); 3, Suez (9-2). 14 ran.

2.45: 1, Another Plater (16-1); 2, The Somac (11-4); 3, Zelda's Fancy (7-1). 7 ran. Priest's Rock 5-4 fav. NR: King Ba Ba.

3.15: 1, Stuck for Words (4-1); 2, Prince Northfields (7-1); 3, Dancing Grey (12-1). 10 ran. Peaceful Breeze 3-1 fav.

3.45: 1, Jack Ramsey (9-4 fav); 2, Lac Royale (20-1); 3, The Thunderer (13-2). 18 ran.

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Rescinding bankruptcy order

Commissioners of Inland Revenue v Falconer and Others

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Dillon

[Judgment delivered November 3]

Where in bankruptcy proceedings an order dismissing a bankruptcy petition had been made at the instance of the petitioning creditor, the court could subsequently rescind the order dismissing the petition and make receiving orders against the debtors even though such a course of acton was opposed by the petitioning creditor.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by the petitioning creditor, the Comissioners of Inland Revenue, against an order of Mr Registrar Dewhurst made on February 11, 1982 on the application of the trustee in bankruptcy, Mr G. D. Falconer.

Section 108 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 provides: "(1) Every court having jurisdiction on bankruptcy under this Act may review, rescind or vary any order by it under its bankruptcy jurisdiction".

Mr John Mummery for the Inland Revenue: Mr Edward Bannister for the trustee in bankruptcy.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the debtors carried on a plant contracting and construction business in Lincolnshire. They became indebted to the Inland Revenue who recovered judgment against them and served bankruptcy notices. The debtors failed to comply with the bankruptcy notices and the petition was presented in the High Court by the Revenue.

The petition was first heard before Mr Registar Parbury on May 12, 1980. On that date a cheque for £40,000 was handed to the Revenue. The petition was adjourned to July 8 when the registrar was told by the Revenue that the £40,000 was being held in trust, a phrase which must mean in trust pending the outcome of the petition.

The petition was then adjourned for several further periods and it ultimately came before Mr Registrar Dewhurst on February 17, 1981. By that date no further payment had been made to the Revenue in respect of their debt but there had been other important developments. On November 8, 1980 the three debtors had committed a further act of bankruptcy in reliance on which a trade creditor who had recovered judgment against them presented a bankruptcy petition in the Scunthorpe County Court.

A receiving order against all three debtors was made on the county court petition on December 30, 1980 and all three debtors were adjudicated bankrupt on the county court petition on January 23, 1981. The first respondent, Mr Falconer, was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of all three bankrupts in place of the Official Receiver.

Before February 17, 1981 the Official Receiver had been aware that the Revenue's petition was pending in the High Court and conversely the Revenue was aware of the receiving orders made on the county court petition.

On February 17, 1981 on the adjourned hearing of the Revenue's High Court petition, Mr Registrar Dewhurst at the request of the Revenue, dismissed that petition. There was nobody there to oppose that course. Subsequently, the trustee in bankruptcy learned about the £40,000 and the order of February 17. The trustee called on the Revenue to pay over the £40,000 but the Revenue refused.

The trustee was then advised that he could not effectively claim the £40,000 so long as the order of February 17 stood. Accordingly he made an application to the High Court for the order of February 17 to be rescinded under section 108 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914, for receiving orders to be made against all three debtors instead, and for the High Court proceedings to be transferred to the Scunthorpe County Court and consolidated with the bankruptcy proceedings there.

That application came before Mr Registrar Dewhurst on February 11, 1982 and he acceded to it. By his order, which was the order now appealed against, he rescinded his order of February 17, 1981, whereby he had dismissed the Revenue's petition and he made receiving orders against all three debtors. He subsequently ordered transfer to the county court.

At first sight it seemed startling that the registrar should have jurisdiction to rescind his order dismissing the petition nearly a year later. The wording of section 108(1) was however unqualified and the general comment in *Williams on Bankruptcy* 19th edition at p457 that "the jurisdiction to rehear and rescind or vary orders made in the exercise of bankruptcy jurisdiction is, in a proper case, almost without limit" appeared to be justified.

The nub of the Revenue's appeal was that it was wrong for the registrar to have rescinded his earlier orders and made receiving orders for the avowed purpose of bringing the £40,000 paid to the Revenue in May 1980 within the net of the county court bankruptcy which only related back to November 8, 1980, the date of the relevant act of bankruptcy.

Section 5(7) of the 1914 Act provided that a creditor's petition should not, after presentment, be withdrawn without the leave of the court. In *Re Bebro* ([1900] 2 QB 316, 321) it was stated that such leave to withdraw a petition should be given only after an exercise of judgment as to whether the case was a proper one for withdrawal. His Lordship agreed.

But, in his Lordship's judgment, because the court had to deal with the petition in one of the ways indicated in section 5, it followed that if the court in the proper exercise of its judgment refused leave to withdraw a petition, the court could go on its own motion to make a receiving order, if satisfied on the matters set out in section 5(2).

It would be strange indeed if the court, having on the proper exercise if its judgment refused leave to withdraw a petition, were, without cooperation from the petitioning creditor who wanted the petition withdrawn, unable to do anything with the petition but leave it lying indefinitely on the file.

The question was then whether the existence of the county court petition and of the receiving orders and adjudications on that petition provided a valid ground for the court to refuse leave to withdraw the Revenue's petition. It was common ground that no other creditors who happened to come forward on February 17, 1981 could have been substituted for the Revenue as petitioning creditor on that date.

Mr Mummery therefore submitted that what could not be done directly by substituting another creditor as a petitioner should not, or could not, properly, be done indirectly by making a receiving order at the instance of the trustee in bankruptcy in the county court bankruptcy who merely represented the general body of creditors. The Revenue should not be deprived of the fruits of their diligence.

His Lordship saw great force in that submission if the £40,000 had been paid to the Revenue outright and unconditionally in May 1981, almost six months before the act of bankruptcy to which the county court bankruptcy related back. It might then be wrong for the Revenue to be deprived of its established title to money paid to it well before the county court bankruptcy.

Those were not, however, the facts before the court. The Revenue had no absolute title to the £40,000 without the order of February 17, 1981. The money was held in trust and the order giving leave to withdraw the petition was needed to perfect the Revenue's title.

Why should the court, after the debtors had been adjudicated bankrupt on the county court petition, prefer to perfect the Revenue's title, instead of leaving so much of the £40,000 as had been provided by the debtors, available for the general body of their creditors in the course of their bankruptcy?

So long as the £40,000 was held in trust the debtors had a contingent interest in it. That interest vested in their trustee under the county court bankruptcy and there was no reason why the trustees should be deprived of it.

In his Lordship's judgment, the registrar had erred on February 17, 1981 when he gave the Revenue leave to withdraw their petition and he corrected his error by making the order of February 11, 1982. That order was correct and his Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice May and the Master of the Rolls agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue; Swepstone, Walsh & Son for Acton Simpson & Hanson, Nottingham.

Payment from capital

Whitehead (Inspector of Taxes) v Tubbs (Elastics) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dunn, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered November 8]

A £20,000 payment made by a company to secure its release from restrictive terms attached to an £80,000 loan was a capital payment and not deductible in computing the company's trading profits or losses for corporation tax purposes.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismssing an appeal by the company, Tubbs (Elastics) Ltd, from an order of Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times* December 10, 1982) allowing the Crown's appeal against a determination by the special commissioners that the company was entitled to loss relief in respect of the payment under section 177 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

In October 1975 the company, a manufacturer of narrow woven elastic at Sherston, Wiltshire, had borrowed £80,000 from the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Ltd (ICFC) to purchase essential plant and machinery for a new mill at Denny in Stirlingshire, pursuant to an agreement whereby, *inter alia:*

1 The loan was repayable by instalments over nine years and secured by a debenture creating a first and fixed charge over all the company's freehold property, goodwill and uncalled capital and a floating charge over the company's remaining assets.

2 So long as the loan was outstanding the company was not, without ICFC's consent, to enter into any hire-purchase agreements in excess of £10,000, acquire any investments, make any loan or dispose of assets otherwise than in the ordinary course of business.

3 No money was to be borrowed by the company without ICFC's consent save for bank loans up to £35,000.

4 ICFC was to be kept informed of the company's business progress.

5 A ceiling of £35,000 was imposed on the aggregate amount of directors' emoluments and pensions.

To procure its release from those restrictions in June 1978 the company paid £20,000 to ICFC and the agreement and debenture were cancelled and replaced by a simple mortgage on the Sherston premises.

Mr Robert Mathew for the company; Mr Michael Hart for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was accepted that, once the facts were ascertained, the question whether a particular expenditure was of a revenue or capital nature was one of law and one the answer to which could not be obtained by the application of one single all-embracing test.

If one started with the first of the matters referred to by Mr Justice Dixon in *Sun Newspapers Ltd v Federal Commissioner of Taxation* ((1938) 61 C L R 337, 363) namely the character of the advantage sought, the general advantage was simply that of improving the company's trade. But that could not by itself be an answer to the problem for that was, or ought to be, the advantage sought from all expenditure of the company's money whether capital or revenue.

The special commissioners found that the sum had been paid "in order to secure release from certain terms of the 1975 agreement which were inhibiting the efficient day-to-day management of its business and were liable to jeopardise its continued profitable expansion".

Mr Hart, however, submitted that the mere fact that the restrictions were inhibiting day-to-day management could not be determinative of the question whether the price for their release was to be treated as being of a revenue or a capital nature.

The advantage sought to be achieved was one which was permanent in the sense that the company was relieved for the balance of the loan period of the disadvantage arising from the restrictions and relieved of restrictions attributable to a non-recurring transaction. One could not separate the payment made from the origins of the restrictions in respect of which it was made.

In effect the restrictions were the price paid for the loan and the loan was clearly a transaction of a capital nature. One way of looking at the matter, therefore, as Mr Hart would submit, was that the payment was in effect a lump sum commutation of the price paid.

Thus, applying Mr Justice Dixon's three criteria, the indicia would seem to point strongly to the payment being of a capital rather than a revenue nature.

Mr Mathew, however, relied on the two factors which had appealed to the special commissioners, namely, the analogy of the cases to which they referred and the absence, as they found, of any asset of an enduring nature.

In the court's view, the cases did not provide any compulsive or convincing analogy which pointed to the conclusion that the expenditure in the instant case fell properly to be treated as of a revenue nature. Indeed it appeared more nearly analogous to *Tucker v Granada Motorway Services Ltd* ([1971] 1 WLR 683) where a payment in commutation of a variable rent in the lease of the taxpayer's premises was held to be a capital payment.

So, in the instant case, if both the purpose and the effect of the transaction were analysed, what emerged from the 1978 agreement was a clearly identifiable and enduring advantage – no doubt an advantage which enabled the company to trade better and thus increase its profits, but one of a capital nature in the sense that it enabled the company to utilize its capital assets in a way in which it could not have utilized them before and to continue to enjoy the benefit of instalment repayment of the loan without the disadvantages imposed on it by the 1975 agreement.

Prior to the agreement the company had been disabled from raising further capital on the security of any of its assets. After the agreement its Denny mill was available free from charge as were all its other fixed and current assets other than Sherston mill.

There were thus two enduring advantages achieved by the payment: the alteration in the terms affecting the loan capital and the release of the charges on all assets other than Sherston mill. The judge's analysis of the nature of the transaction was correct and the appeal failed.

Solicitors: Penley Milward & Bayley, Dursley; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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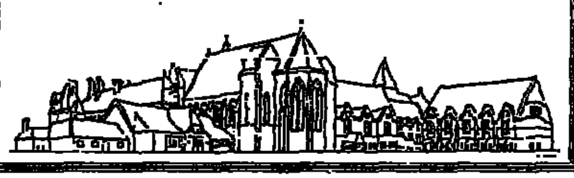
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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

Graduate recruitment directories

Undergraduates in their final year who are currently considering their career options in the coming season will probably have already encountered one or more of the major graduate recruitment directories which are distributed, free of charge on demand, from university and polytechnic careers services. What they may not be aware of is that their choice of directory is rapidly becoming the centre of a controversial debate between employers, the careers service and the principal publishers concerned – a debate which has led to many services being increasingly selective about the directories they choose to distribute in bulk.

To understand the issues involved, it is necessary to take a close look at each of the directories and the differences in approach and content which exist between them.

There are four main contenders:

GO (published by the New Opportunity Press) and *DOG* (published by VNU Business Publications) – both of these are produced by commercial publishers and contain details of employers who are specifically intending to recruit graduate trainees in the coming season. The employers pay for their entries in much the same way as they pay for recruitment advertising. Subject to set standards of style and accuracy, they have absolute control over the information the entries contain and the way in whic it its written.

GET (published by Hobson/CRAC) – Hobson's Press is the commercial publisher linked to the Careers Research and Advisory Centre, a registered educational charity financed by member subscriptions and donations, licensing income and project sponsorship. In addition to separate employer entries similar to those which appear in *GO* and *DOG*, *GET* also contains a comprehensive directory of employers in the appendix. The directory is compiled by CRAC itself using a data-based system of reference paid for by the centre's subscription and not directly by the employers which appear in the text.

ROGET is published on behalf of the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS) by the Central Services Unit, a non-profit making body supported by subscriptions from all universities and polytechics in the British Isles. The basic entries are compiled by the unit using a data-base system similar to the employed by CRAC and they are offered to employers on a free basis. Crucial to the controversy, however, is the fact that employers are charged for any additional space they choose to take out in the entry.

With the development of ROGET, a directory produced on behalf of the careers services themselves, many individual services have independently begun to reduce or restrict the numbers of the other directories they choose to distribute. Given that the services are the major, and in some cases, the only way of distributing the material directly to the students on the campus, this has caused a predictable storm of protest from the publishers concerned.

The reasons given by individual services have tended to very greatly. many say that because the entries in the commercial directories are compiled months before publication, the estimates of vacancy requirements which appear are out of date by the time the students read them. They emphasize that, by comparison, ROGET is not a list of vacancies but a carefully compiled directory giving objective and impartial information about the employers covered.

This was reiterated by AGCAS's new chairman, Robert Porrer. He said: "*ROGET* was conceived in 1975 by a group of careers advisers who felt the need for a concise and comprehensive reference source on graduate employers, and in particular one that would make available to students information on the many employers who did not issue recruitment literature to all careers services or advertise in the careers directories.

"*ROGET* has been developed as a compendium with a role different to that of the main commercial directories and is *not* designed to give vacancy information. Vacancies – especially in these uncertain times – can rarely be predicted 15 months before a graduate is available for employment."

Other services say that, with four directories now available for students, it is no longer reasonable for them to be expected to handle, store and distribute all of them in the sme quantity as in the past. A few concede however, that this argument is often being used as a convenient way to favour *ROGET* above the other directories.

"Everybody, particularly the commercial publishers, are well aware of the jungle-like approach of the commercial world and it must be recognised that employers only have a limited amount of funds to invest in directory entries", commented Brian Steptoe, joint director of the University of London Careers Advisory Service. "We, the careers service, are exploiting our semi-monopolistic access to students in order to ensure that *ROGET* will become a viable product – with the caveat that members of AGCAS feel that it is a better source of information than the others. To suggest otherwise would be totally naive."

The commercial publishers concede many of the points put forward by the careers services. They agree that *ROGET* serves a different purpose to their own publication, but argue that it should therefore complement rather than replace them. All of them would be prepared to arrange some form of staggered distribution to ease services' logistical problems and two out of the three would consider the payment of reasonable handling charges to compensate for the problems of distributing their directories in bulk.

But the continued restriction placed on the distribution of their publications, often in favour of *ROGET*, has fuelled the sceptical view that careers advisers' ability to judge the relative benefits of the various directories objectively is being stretched to the limit by the financial gain the service as a whole will make if *ROGET* is distributed in larger numbers.

"In the words of Mark Lane, *DOG's* publisher: "Careers advisers are still living in the Victorian age. They feel that if you are a professional, somehow this is good with a capital 'g'. If you are commercial, somehow this is bad with a capital 'b'. They want to maintain their image of themselves as professionals and stick to the concept that 'nanny knows best'. But at the same time, for all their protestations to the contrary, they are also very interested in the money *ROGET* can earn the service.'

Robert Porrer dismisses these allegations. He says: "Whether a university or polytechnic Careers Service distributes any directories is entirely a matter for the individual service. AGCAS has consistently made it clear that it has no intention of creating monopoly; indeed careers advisers value the commercial directories because they are different, and make them available to students.

"The question has been raised as to whether the desire to ensure a sound financial basis for *ROGET* has led some careers advisers to be more restrictive over the distribution of the commercial directories. I do not personally see these issues as directly linked – what many careers advisers believe is that a rapidly changing graduate job market demands a different approach to employer and vacancy information."

There is no doubt that a substantial majority of careers services would endorse Mr Porrer's comments. But it is clear that a small but influential minority do not.

In the absence of any independant findings on the way in which students use the various directories, it is difficult to draw any absolute conclusion about carreers advisers' misgivings concerning the commercial publications. But, with employers increasingly unwilling to place entries in all four directories and the commercial publishers already attempting to bypass the careers services by direct distribution to the academic departments, the issure is unlikely to quietly disappear.

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University of Cambridge

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Applications (14 copies) including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, should reach the Registrar (quoting ref. C 12/7) University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ, from whom further particulars may be obtained, by 9 December 1983.

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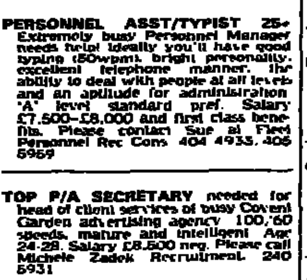
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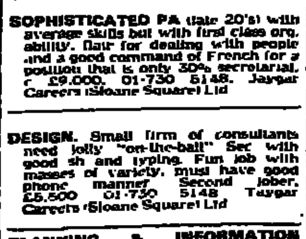
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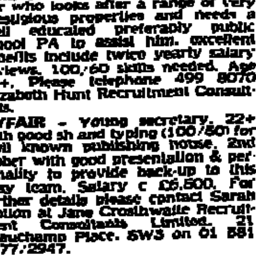
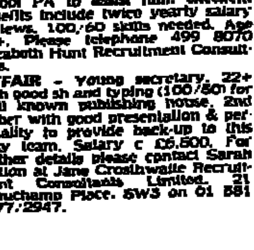
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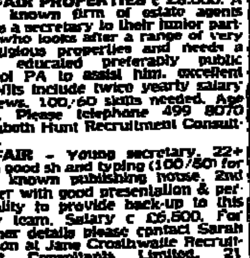
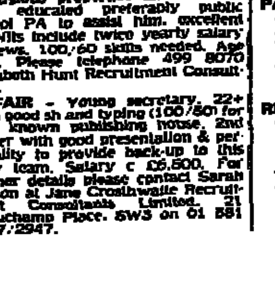
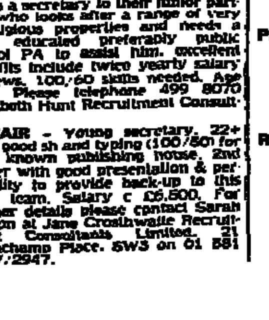
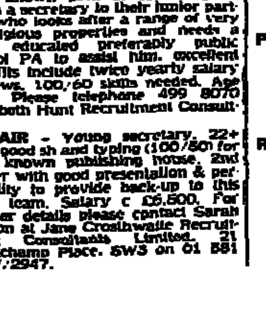
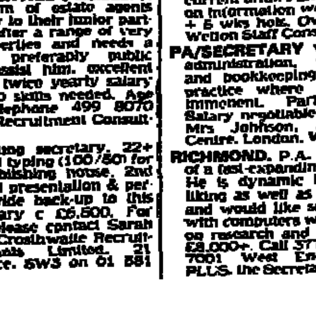
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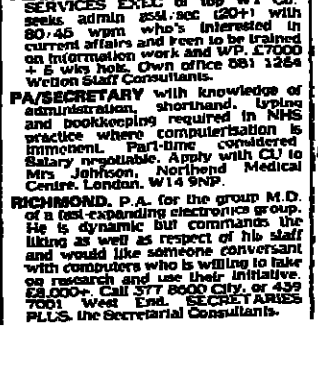
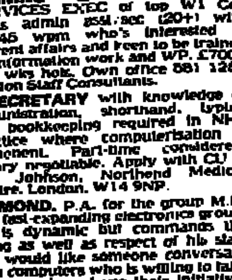
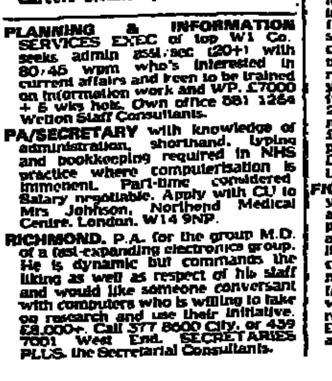
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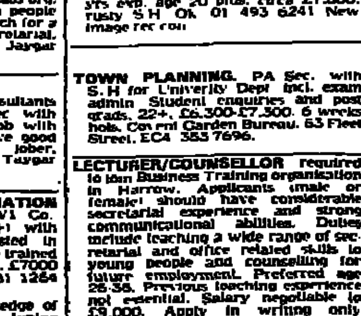
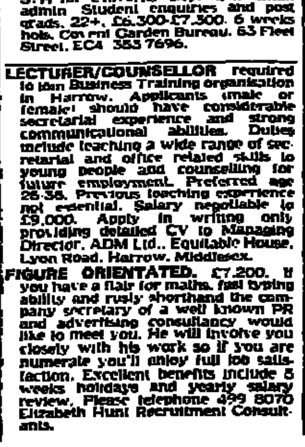
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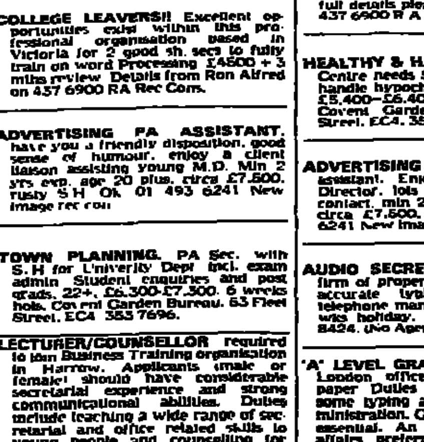
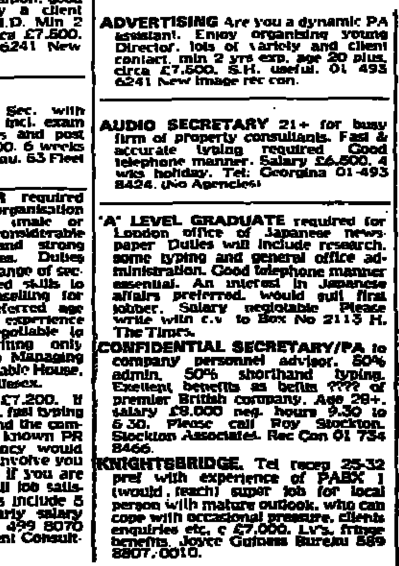
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CHADD - In Sydney on November 11th, 1983, to Jane (nee Ayles) and Jonathan - a daughter (Caroline Lavinia Rose), a sister for Emma.

DEAN - on Nov 9th in Atlanta to Sally and Peter - a son (Patrick Thomas) a brother for Sarah.

EGGLESTON - On 4th November 1983 at Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Marian (nee McCauley) and Neil, a son Thomas Sebastian Edward. Love also to Claire & Mike in Delhi.

FROGGATT - On Friday, November 11th, to Stephanie Joy (nee Wedgbury) and John Stanley - a daughter (Eleanor Joanne).

HADMAN - On August 26th to Carol (née Burnett) and William, a son, Jasper James.

KIRK - DUNCAN on November 10th in Hongkong to Elizabeth (née Morrish) and Anthony, a daughter, Quita Elizabeth.

MAURICE - On November 9th, 1983, to Rachel (nee Burkitt) and David - a son (James Burkitt), a brother for Edward.

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DEATHS

BOLTON - On November 11th, peacefully at home in his 94th year, Douglas Joseph, beloved husband and wonderful companion of Molly and father of Malcolm and Babara. Funeral at 3.15pm on Wednesday, November 16th at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel). No flowers please, but any donations in his memory to The Eugenics Society, 69 Eccleston Square, London, or to The Fabian Society.

COPP. - On November 10th 1983 at Thames Ditton Hospital, Im's Georgina, aged 70 years, loved mother of Barry and grandmother of Nicolas and Andrea. Funeral service at St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton, on Wed 16th November at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Randalls Park. Cut flowers only please to F. W. PAINE, 108 High St, Esher.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006580 of 1983

In the High Court of Justice Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of GREGSON ASSOCIATES Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

A PETITION to wind up the above-named Company by the Court presented on Thursday the 27th day of October 1983 by J & W Nicholson & Company Limited of Kilver Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, claiming to be a creditor of the Company will be heard at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W.C.2, on Monday the 5th day of December 1983.

Any Creditor or contributory wishing to oppose or support the making of an Order on the said Petition must ensure that written notice reaches the undersigned by 16.00 hours on Friday the 2nd day of December 1983.

A copy of the Petition will be supplied by the undersigned on payment of the prescribed charge.

Signed
Ashurst Morris Crisp & Co.,
of Broadgate House,
7 Eldon Street, London EC2
Solicitors for the Petitioner

No. 25 (Rule 58 (6))
In the matter of T & L Manufacturing Jewellers Limited. By Order of the High Court of Justice 004768 of 1983 dated the 25 day of March 1983 Mr Timothy A. Griffin, FCA, FCMA, PAIA, of 5 Hobart Place, London, SW1 has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company with a Committee of Inspection.
Dated this 9th day of November 1983.

WILL ANYONE having knowledge of the whereabouts of Charles Julian Percy Taylor, formerly of London W1, please contact in confidence Redstone Nathan, Solicitors: 109 Kingsway, London WC2B 6PP. Telephone: 01-831 9961 Ref: RS.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of Margaret Grieve (in connection with Guy's Hospital). Greater London. Scheme for the regulation of the Charity.
Ref: 251983-A10-L2
The Charity Commissioners have made an order establishing a scheme for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1, quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address or within one month from today at:
Special Trustees of Guy's Hospital,
Mary Sheridan House,
11/15 St Thomas Street,
London SE1

CHARITY COMMISSION
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SUPER SECRETARIES

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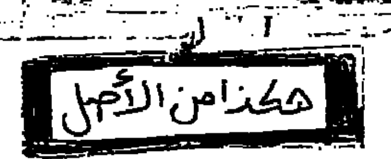
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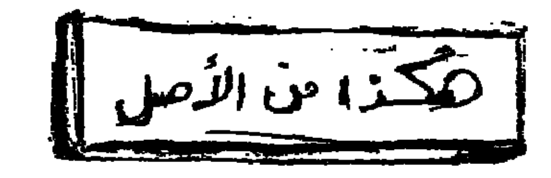
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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 *Ceefax AM*: News headlines, weather, traffic and sports information. also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 *Breakfast Time* with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15 and 8.15; tonight's television previewed between 6.45 and 7.00; a review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; horoscopes and keep fit between 8.30 and 8.45; and slim and shine with Audrey Eyton between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Arthur Negus and Hugh Scully reach Leamington Spa (r) 9.40 Closedown 10.30 Play School presented by Elizabeth Watts (r) 10.55 Closedown.

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only; Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** The guests include comedy actor John Sessions 1.45 Pigeon Street (r)

2.00 *See Hear!* Magazine programme for the hard of hearing (shown yesterday) 2.25 **International Pro-Celebrity Golf.** Bruce Forsyth and Ben Crenshaw play John Spencer and Lee Trevino over nine holes of the King's Course, Gleneagles (r) 3.15 **Songs of Praise** (shown yesterday) 3.53 Regional news (not London)

3.55 *Play School* presented by Fraser Wilson 4.20 **Cartoon:** Wacky Races 4.30 **Jackanory.** Bill Oddie with part one of The BFG, by Roald Dahl 4.45 **So You Want to be Top.** A lighthearted look at classroom life. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 **Blue Peter.** Simon Groom, Peter Duncan and Janet Ellis with details of the 1983 Appeal 5.35 **Willo the Wisp** and The Viqueen (r)

5.40 **Sixty Minutes** including the national news read by Moira Stuart at 5.40 and regional news magazines at 5.53–

6.40 **Cartoon:** Tom and Jerry.

6.50 **Terry and June.** Domestic comedy series in which, this week, Terry takes June with him on a business trip to Ross-on-Wye

7.20 **The Dukes of Hazzard.** Boss Hogg and Roscoe want to get their hands on the General Lee and will do anything illegal to do it

8.10 **Panorama: The Sky-high Gamble.** Michael Cockerell investigates the war between Europe and the American air giants Boeing and McDonnel Douglas. Britain, as part of the European Airbus consortium, are due to provide £500 million to help launch a new airliner to compete with the Americans in the development of a new generation of airliner

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys

9.25 **Reith,** by Roger Milner. A two-part dramatisation of the life and career of the first Director-General of the BBC (see Choice)

10.45 **Film 83** presented by Barry Norman. The horror story, Cujo, receives the Norman treatment and there is a look forward to the London Film Festival

11.15 **Phil Silvers*** as Sergeant Bilko, the week on leave in New York's art world (r)

11.38 **News headlines**

11.40 **Visions of Change:** The fifth of six programmes about the newsreels of the Fifties

12.05 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. A review of the morning papers at 6.25; news from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; Diana Dors again solves your personal problems at 6.50; a guest in the spotlight at 7.05; Popeye cartoon at 7.20; guest Herb Alpert, from 7.33; the Monday Moan at 7.50; pop video at 7.55; star romance at 8.05; television preview at 8.35; the TV-am doctor at 9.02; and closing headlines at 9.23

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9.25 **Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools:** Adventure of a small boy on a South Sea Island 9.47 Learning to read with Basil Brush 9.59 Street markets 10.11 Maths: number sequences 10.31 Author Sam Barstow is interviewed 11.00 A personal view of the Church of England 11.22 Kites and helicopters 11.41 Natural history: migration

12.00 **Alphabet Zoo.** Nerys Hughes and Ralph McTell with Ian the Impala 12.10 *Let's Pretend* to the story of the Queen and the Tailor 12.30 **I'm Young But Special.** Derek Cooper talks to Ken Adams about his experiences working with young people who have emotional and behavioural problems

1.00 **News 1.20 Thames news 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen.**

2.00 **Film: The Assassination Bureau** (1968) starring Oliver Reed, Diana Rigg and Telly Savalas. A female investigative journalist tracks down the perpetrators of a series of professional killings. Directed by Basil Dearden

4.00 **Alphabet Zoo.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 **Dangermouse** in episode one of the Wild, Wild Goose Chase (r) 4.20 **Plastic Man** 4.45 **The Witches and the Grinnygog.** Part one of a new six-episode drama 5.15 **Emmerdale Farm**

5.45 **News 6.00 Thames news**

6.25 **Help!** Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee

6.35 **Crossroads** David Hunter receives an embarrassing request from Doris Luke

7.00 **The Real World** Sue Jay and Michael Rodd celebrate the coming of age of holography

7.30 **Coronation Street** Bet Lynch receives a shock when the decorators arrive at the Rovers' Return

8.00 **Never the Twain** Comedy series about a pair of antique dealers in uneasy partnership

8.30 **World in Action: The Grenada Factor** A report from Washington on the American mood after the invasion of Grenada. New evidence has been unearthed that powerful pressure groups are persuading the Reagan administration to take further, tougher, action against left-wing regimes

9.00 **Quincy** The investigative pathologist becomes involved in the death of a baby suffering from Down's Syndrome

10.00 **News**

10.30 **Cockney Classic Darts** presented by Eric Bristow and Steve Rider. The first of a four programme series to find London's best pub darts player

11.15 **After Hours** presented by Trevor Hyett and Mavis Nicholson. The war industry is remembered by reporter Michael Nicholson, photographer Terry Fincher and actor Anthony Quayle

12.15 **Night Thoughts** from Father Michael Hollings

Frances Tomelty plays Emma in The Shell House: Radio 4 8.00pm

● Tom Fleming stands head and shoulders above the rest of the cast, literally and physically, in the title role of Roger Milner's two-part portrait REITH (BBC1 9.25pm) Fleming is outstanding as the austere Reith, the first director-general of the BBC and the man who set the Corporation's high standards of excellency and impartiality by equating his moral standards with those of the father he worshipped – a Church of Scotland minister. The play begins as Reith joins the British Broadcasting Company in 1922 as general manager. The various periods in the development of the Company under his guidance are mirrored in flash-backs to his experiences on the front in World War One where he served with unconcealed pride as Transport Officer in the Scottish Rifles.

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Milner's script neatly chronicles Reith's invaluable work during the 1926 General Strike, a period that brought him into conflict with Winston Churchill, skilfully played by Robert Lang, and earnt him a knighthood from the prime minister Stanley Baldwin, thoughtfully played by Peter Barkworth. A fascinating portrait and one that leaves you eagerly awaiting tomorrow night's part two.

● The influence of the Islamic faith is the subject of the sixth programme in the ten-part THE ARABS: A LIVING HISTORY (Channel 4 9.00pm) This beautifully filmed episode follows three goups of people from differing backgrounds who come to the central Sudan village of Umbadan, a religious centre. One father brings his twin sons to the Quranic school; another brings his sick daughter to see Kalifa, the resident miracle worker; while others are drawn by the Sufis who use drums and chanting to attract believers. An entertaining episode containing rarely seen film of Muslim worship.

● Frances Tomelty gives a splendid performance as Emma, a 30-year-old spinster living with her father in a large Belfast house, cocooned from the 'troubles' by a passion for the works of Jane Austen. But in THE SHELL HOUSE (Radio 4 8.00pm) reality breaks through in the form of Cormac, a young man on the run from the IRA who shelters in the house. The effect his presence has on Emma and her possesive father is neatly observed by Andrew Tyrrell, the author.

BBC 2

9.10 **Daytime on Two:** What use is a degree? 9.38 A day in the life of people working in a butcher's and baker's shop 10.00 You and Me 10.15 Music: measuring with a metronome 10.38 Part four of the play, Man Made the Slave, 11.00 Zig-Zag 11.23Talkabout 11.42 Economics: The Money demand 12.10 Film eight about development issues in India 12.40 Coal and oil deposits 1.05 Education versus prejudice (ends at 1.30) 1.38 The work of the Wellshot Residents' Association of Cambuslang, Glasgow 2.01 Words and pictures 2.18 Electricity 2.40 Music for early instruments 3.05 Closedown

5.35 **News** summary with subtitles

5.40 **Eureka.** The first of a new series of six programmes presented by Sarah Greene and Paul McDowell about the invention of everyday things. This evening's group include the roller skate, the bicycle and the parking meter.

6.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode nine of the comprehensive school drama and it is Open Day which includes some amusing and some sad incidents (r).

6.35 **Miss Barraclough,** by George MacKay Brown. Another in the series of narrative dramas. The narrator is David Birch.

7.05 **Sussex Folk – Plus Jamboree.** The first in a new series of five programmes of folk music, recorded at Goodwood, West Sussex and introduced by Johnny Silvo. His guests are the Diz Disley Group; the trio, Prelude; American country singer Peter Rowan; and Irish folk group Dingle Spike.

7.35 **The Best of Delia.** Cakes are the subject today and there are recipes for an all-in-one sponge, a Dundee cake and a chocolate log (r).

8.00 **Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In.** The guests in tonight's crazy edition are Tony Curtis, Muriel Landers, Liberace and Murray Langston (r).

8.30 **The Bob Monkhouse Show.** The American guest this week is the veteran comedian Sid Caesar. From this side of the Atlantic are Denis Norden, Julia McKenzie and Roy Jay.

9.25 **Horizon: The Earthquake Connection.** An examination of how earthquakes have been and still are shaping our world and how scientists are working towards a more infallible method of predicting them.

10.15 **Frank Delaney** talks to three guests who have changed their careers – Molly Keene who has just written two books after a gap of 30 years; Clare Francis, yachtswoman turned novelist; and former Fellow of All Souls, Iain McGilchrist, who is now studying neurology.

10.55 **Newsnight.** The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.

CHANNEL 4

2.50 **Countdown.** Another round of the fast moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster with Willie Rushton making a return appearance as the man with the dictionary and adjudicator.

5.30 **The Dick Van Dyke Show*** Vintage American domestic comedy series about the madcap Petrie family. This week the facts of life have to be explained to the Petrie's six-year old son, Ritchie. Also starring Mary Tyler Moore and Larry Matthews.

6.00 **Here's Lucy.** The scatty Lucy accidently drops a family heirloom into a cement mixer. In her attempt to retrieve the ring she disguises herself as a builder's labourer.

6.30 **Counting On.** Fed Harris, in his last programme of the series, goes back to school. In a programme that should not be missed by parents who find their children's maths homework a complete mystery Mr Harris discovers how the subject is taught in today's classes.

7.00 **Channel Four News** with Peter Sissons.

7.50 **Comment.** With his view of a matter of topical importance is Raymond Robertson, a schoolmaster from Glasgow.

8.00 **Basketball – The Wimpey Homes League.** Two high-flying teams meet tonight – Warrington, now merged with Liverpool and Bracknell who have signed a defender described by some as the best player to have played in Britain – Dan Callandrillo. From Bracknell Sports Centre Miles Aiken and Simon Reed introduce live coverage of the second half of the game.

9.00 **The Arabs: A Living History.** Part six – Ways of Faith. The ways and meanings of the Islamic faith as they affect different groups of Muslims in the central Sudan village of Umdaban (see Choice).

10.00 **The Prisoner.** Episode nine: It's Your Funeral. The Prisoner is duped by a young woman into believing there is going to be an assassination attempt. But who is the intended victim?

11.00 **The Eleventh Hour: New Cinema of Latin America.** Five short documentaries end the season of Latin American films. The first, **Hot Times,** highlights women in a Rio de Janeiro shanty town; The **Operation** studies some members of the Cuban exile community in the United States; **Controversy** deals with Cuban male machismo; **Newsreel 5** highlights a Nicaraguan literacy campaign; and **Banana Workers** examines the lot of workers on a North American-owned plantation in pre-Sandinista Nicaragua.

12.45 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming week from the South West 6.25 Shipping Forecast
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 New Summary 6.45 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News Start the week with Richard Baker
10.00 News; Money Box, with Louise Botting
10.30 *Morning Story*: 'The Impulse' by M Alison Bevis, Read by Mary Wimbush
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Hawick in the Borders of Scotland (r)
11.48 Poetry Please! The presenter: Dannie Abse. Readers: Martin Jarvis and Diana Bishop
12.27 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket starring Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket 12.55 Weather; Programme News
1.00 The World at One:News
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Women's Hour. Today's edition includes Hilary Osborne on some new approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer; listeners' letters; and part eleven of I start Courting
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: A Suspension of Mercy. By Patricia Highsmith, adapted for radio by James Saunders. The story of the wife of a thriller writer who disappears while on a supposedly incognito trip to Brighton. With Stuart Milligan as the husband and Janet Maw as the vanished wife (r)
4.30 Labels. Patrick Hannan on intellectuals
4.30 Story Time: 'How Green Was My Valley' by Richard Llewellyn (1). Read by Gerald James. 5.00 PM: News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News
6.00 The six o'clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Just a minute. With Kennedy Williams, Clement Freud, Peter Jones, and Viginia Wood (r)
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Start the week with Richard Baker†
8.00 The Monday Play 'The Shell House' by Andrew Tyrrell. Drama, set in present-day Belfast. A women and her father try to ignore the Troubles and retreat into the ordered world of the Jane Austen novels. Then a deserter from the IRA enters their lives. With Frances Tomelty, James Greene, Christopher Fairbank, Maggie McCarthy and Kerry Francis†
9.15 The Lord Mayor's Banquet given at the Guildhall by London's new mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson. Dame Mary proposes the toast to Her Majesty's Ministers and the Prime Minister replies with what is recognised as one of the major speeches on the country's position in international affairs 9.59 Weather
10.00 The world tonight: News
10.30 Science now. Recent discoveries and developments
11.00 A book at bedtime: 'Sour Sweet' by Timothy Mo, Abridged for radio in 12 parts (1) The readers is David Suchet.
11.15 The Financial world tonight
11.30 Tonight in Parliament
12.00 News
12.10 Weather
12.15 Shipping Forecast

ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel 10.45-12.00 For Schools 1.55 Listening corner 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 Playtime 2.15 Introducing Science 2.35 Noticeboard 2.40 Listening to Music 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Wall Women (1) 12.30

1.10 Schools night-time broadcasting: Hor Doch Mal Zu (1&2)

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Mozart (March in D, K 445 and the Four Minuets, K 103), Bach (Suite No 2 in B minor, for flute and strings, with Wilbert Hazelzet, flute), Dowland (Five Dances, Lachrimae), Berlioz (Dance of the Egyptian Dancing Girls, and Dance of the Slaves – the Trojans).
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Rimsky-Korsakov (overture: May Night), Mendelssohn (Two Pieces, Op posth; Albumleaf, Op 117 – Barenboim, piano), and Bizet's Symphony in C.†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Borodin. The Symphony No 1 (the National Phil Orch, under Loris Tjeknavorian) and a sequence of songs sung by the bass Alexander Verdernikov.†
10.00 Music for Piano: Yitkin Seow plays Vorisek's Sonata quasi una fantasia, and Schumann's Nachtstucke, Op 23.
10.35 Music for Strings: recital by the Franz Liszt Chamber Orch. Corelli's Concerto Grosso in D major, Op 6, No 4; Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat major, Op 6, No 7; and Bartok's Divertimento.†
11.25 Baroque Cantatas and Songs: with David James (counter-tenor), Iain Ledingham (harpsichord) and Philip Thorby (viola da gamba). Works by Bassani, Caccini, Purcell and Handel (cantata: Nel dolce tempo).†
12.00 Music for Wind Band: the BBC Phil Orch, with Erich Gruenberg (violin) play Stravinsky's Symphonies for wind instruments, Weill's Violin Concerto, and Grainger's A Lincolnshire Posy.†
1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Recital by Edith Vogel, piano. Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D 784; and Schumann's Carnaval, Op 9.†
2.00 Music Weekly: The operas of Cherubini; the art of Elena Gerhardt; and the New Oxford Companion to Music (r).†
2.50 New Records: Starzer's Divertimento in C; Chopin's Waltz in A minor, Op 34, No 2; Dvorak's Cello Concerto (Lyn Harrell), Finzi's God is gone up; Stravinsky's Concerto for two pianos; and Debussy's Three Nocturnes.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Another of Natalie Wheen's selections. The works include Strauss's first horn concerto (at 6.14), Saint-Saens's bassoon sonata; and Marescotti's Variations on a theme by Rousseau.
6.30 Music for Organ: Lionel Rogg, at the organ of Ripon Cathedral, plays Liszt's Fantasia and Fugue on the chorale Ad nos, ad salutarem undam (from Mayerbeer's Le prophète).
7.00 Satire and Sentiment: David Johns and Jeremy Brown (pianos) play Poulenc's Capriccio d'après le bal masqué; Elegie; L' embarquement pour Cythere); and Ravel's La Valse.†
7.30 British Music: The London Phil Orchestra under Handley play Bax's London Pageant; John McCabe's Piano Concerto No 2 (with the composer as soloist) and Bax's Concertante for cor anglais, clarinet, horn and orchestra). Part one.†
8.30 Standing Matters: The fourth in this five-part series of talks by Sir Brian Young, former Director-General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.
8.50 British Music: part two. Robert Simpson's Symphony No 2.†
9.30 Parliament and the Making of Law: Issues raised in Lord Hailsham's Hamlyn Lectures earlier this year are discussed by him, together with Lord McCluskey, former Solicitor-General for Scotland, and Sir Idwal Pugh, former Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. In the chair: Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Warden of All Souls College, Oxford.
10.15 Gerard Souzay: The baritone, with Dalton Baldwin at the piano, sings Fauré's Mirages, Op 113.†
10.30 Jazz Today: with the Phil Miller Quintet. And Charles Fox.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00) major bulletins 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 5.00 Ray Moore†. 7.30 Terry Wogan†. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00 Music While You Work†. 12.30 Gloria Hunniford 2.02 Sports Desk†. 2.30 Ed Stewart 3.02 Sports Desk†. 4.00 David Hamilton 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk†. 6.00 John Dunn including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only)†. 7.30 Alan Dell†. 8.30 Humphrey Lyttelton†. 9.30 Star Sound. Song, scenes and music from the movies. 9.57 Sports Desk†. 10.00 Jump! A quizzical entertainment with chairman John Junkin. 10.30 Stuart Hall (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Ed Stewart with Two's Best†. 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt. You and the Night and the Music†.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour 6.30am – 8.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Richard Skinner. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 6.05 Stepping Out – the dance music scene. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel†. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2. 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Viennese Nights. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 Short Story. 10.30 Rock Salad. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In Patagonia. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Quote, Unquote. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Country Style. 1.45 India: A Cacophony of Cultures. 2.30 Musical Milestone. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Hot Air. 4.30 Coast to Coast. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 My Music. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 In Patagonia. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Hot Air. 11.30 Quote, Unquote. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Modern English Poetry. 1.00 Waveguide. 1.10 Paperback Choice. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Flanders and Swann. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Breakthrough. 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-355 News of Wales Headlines. 5.53 Wales Today. 6.50-7.20 The Big C. 12.10 News and Weather; close. Scotland: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.53 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.40-12.10am Cearcall. 12.10 News and Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene Around Six. 6.50-7.20 Channel One. 12.05am Weather. 12.07-12.25 Festival Notebook. 12.25 News and Weather. England: 5.53pm Regional news magazines. 12.10am close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Flenestri 2.00 Yr Efeilliaid 2.35 Am Gymru 2.50 Interval 3.15 FILM: April Showers. Musical 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach 5.00 Dwylo I Fyny 5.30 Fanny Waterman's Piano Progress 6.00 Avengers 6.55 Gair Yn El Bryd 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Sêr 8.00 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 8.30 Hapnod 9.00 American Football 10.00 Fox 11.00 Bands of Gold 11.55 Irish Angle 12.20am Gair Yn El Bryd, Close down.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: I Only Asked (Bernard Bresslaw). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 North Tonight. 9.00-10.00 Sweeney. 10.30 Film: Play Dirty (Michael Caine). 12.30am News; Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Vintage Quiz 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00-7.00 Coast to Coast. 10.30 Race is On. 11.00 Gala Concert. 12.00 Beaujolais Nouveau – Race for wine. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Niagara. 3.30-Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 At Ease. 9.00-10.00 Sweeney. 10.35 Postscript. 10.40 Film: Pretty Maids All in a Row (Rock Hudson). 12.20 Call Back Report. 12.26am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival 10.30 Anglia Reports 11.00 Film: Once the Killings Start 12.25am Out of Conflict. Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 We'll Meet Again. 3.00 Whose Baby? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-7.00 News. 10.30 Roger Bastable. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Antibes Jazz Festival. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As London except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Far Ago Land. 11.30-12.30am Hill Street Blues.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Niagara. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 In Search of Wild Asparagus. 9.00-10.00 Sweeney. 10.35 Cartoon. 10.40 Film: Pretty Maids All in a Row. 12.25 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Forbidden Games*. 3.30-4.00 Eruption of Mount St. Helens. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Crime Desk. 6.45 Weir's Aweigh. 7.00-7.30 All Kinds of Country. 9.00-10.00 Lou Grant. 10.30 Late Call. 10.40 Film: Bitter Harvest (Janet Munro). 12.25am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround 2.00 Film: Great Van Robbery* 3.30-4.00 Benson 5.15-5.45 At Ease 6.02 Sale of the Century 6.30-700 Northern Life 9.00-10.00 Magnum 10.32 Briefing 11.15 Hill Street Blues 12.15am Games People Play. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Niagara (Marilyn Monroe). 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Whose Baby? 9.00-10.00 Minder. 10.30 City of Angels– 11.30 9 to 5– 12.00 News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Beaujolais Nouveau – Race for Wine. 2.30 Film: Thing From Another World (James Arness). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Mr Smith. 9.00-10.00 Minder. 10.30 Venture. 11.00 News. 11.05 Gangster Chronicles. 12.05am Come Close. 12.20 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00 Film: Dimension 5 (Jeffrey Hunter). 3.30-4.00 Nature of Things. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.20 Festival Spot. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 10.30 Vista. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 11.55 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Dimension 5 (Jeffrey Hunter). 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.00 At Ease. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Film: The Stick Up (David Soul) 3.20 Life On The Forest Floor 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies 6.00 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports 10.30 Benson 11.00 Week Tonight 11.30 Lakvas Man 12.30am Closedown.

Remembering the past . . . fearing for the future

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He was followed by Prince Andrew, the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael of Kent. Further wreaths were laid on behalf of other members of the royal family who watched from a balcony.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher led the political leaders, laying a wreath on behalf of the Government. Mr Neil Kinnock, at the ceremony for the first time as leader of the Opposition, followed, then made way for Mr David Steel,

Dr David Owen of the Social Democratic Party, who was refused a place at the Cenotaph alongside the other party leaders, was in Plymouth and laid a wreath at the city's war memorial.

He declined to comment on his absence from Whitehall, saying: "I am not prepared to talk about politics today. This is neither the time nor the place. There are times when even politics must be put to bed and this is one of them."

He did, however, remark on the decision to review the position next year: "Let's hope wiser counsel prevails next time."

The day brought a crop of protests including one from war widows who laid a floral cross at the Cenotaph after the official service.

Mrs Iris Strange, president of British War Widows and Associates, said: "We represent the widows of the first and second world wars and we are seeking parity with those widowed since 1973, who are entitled to larger benefits."

Down the road at Parliament Square, 26 anti-nuclear protesters were arrested during a mock "die in". The Peace Anonymous group had hoped to stage the demonstration at the Cenotaph but strict security kept them away.

The women at Greenham ignored reports that the missiles may arrive at the base tomorrow and instead held their own Remembrance Day ceremony.

At 11am they formed circles outside each of the base's eight gates, held hands and stood in silence. Then they grouped at the main gate for a slow march carrying placards saying: "Who killed Karen Silkwood?" to the beat of a candle on a tambourine. The march took two hours to travel 200 yards.

Karen Silkwood was an American nuclear analyst who was mysteriously killed in a road accident when on her way to give a journalist documentary evidence of safety violations at the power station where she worked. All her papers had disappeared from her car when her body was found.



Former Prime Ministers Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and Mr Edward Heath, Mr David Steel, Liberal Leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour Leader, and Mrs Margaret Thatcher wait to place their wreaths on the Cenotaph. Photograph: Bill Warhurst



Dr David Owen pauses before laying his wreath at Plymouth Naval War Memorial



A policeman salutes outside the Greenham Common air base as women protesters hold hands and form a circle during their own Remembrance Day ceremony



Mrs Iris Strange, President of the British War Widows (centre), with other war widows at the Cenotaph ceremony

Letter from Leipzig

Where East meets pre-war West

They serve "Mephistopheles meat" in the Auerbach cellars, where a chunk of the Faust legend is set. And round the walls of this now rather ordinary café scenes from Goethe's play depict the drunken students, the encounters with the devil.

Both food and atmosphere hold fewer temptations nowadays, however; it is one of many cafés near the ancient market-place where you need Mephistopheles' cunning to find a place among the carousing students in the evenings.

Watching the hopefuls mill around the door reminded me so much of Russia. Indeed Leipzig, so rich in German history, legend and music, is a visible symbol of the influence of the Soviet Union and of the German Democratic Republic's fidelity to the Soviet system.

The architecture tells it all. The magnificent old Rathaus and similar structures from the age of Luther, with steeply sloping roofs and tiers of dormer windows, dominate the market-place under state protection, a point of pride in a city that still salvaged something from Allied bombing.

But the buildings of nineteenth century bourgeois affluence are less honoured. The proprietors' names have been removed, the fancy Victorian tracery work left to crumble or roughly patched up, and instead functional descriptions announce the functional goods on sale inside.

The new state combines are housed in vast windowless shopping centres or in concrete panelled blocks that only a believer in proletarian starkness could find attractive.

The new city of Leipzig does not believe in little alleyways, boutiques or intimacies of scale: the tower blocks and squares, fountains and flowerbeds are vast rectangular monuments to post-war socialist redevelopment, where the preference for the collective over the individual is expressed in physical form.

Much else had a Soviet feel: the slogans, of course, and posters against Nato missiles on almost every shop window; the many Soviet officers in the streets, and those of the GDR Army who wear similar long, flared greatcoats; the loudspeakers errected on street corners where the masses waiting for their trams are edified with national radio broadcasts; the overheated public building–(hotter than in West Germany) and the sour old crones who insist you leave your cloak in the cloakroom each time.

Like Moscow, Leipzig had a large population of third world students. And, similarly, young people in jeans and anoraks boast rebellious symbols of the West: long hair and plastic carrier-bags from West German shops. Young and old carry the inevitable string bags, in case an unexpected delivery turns up in the shops.

But what a difference in the shops themselves! Russian tourists – and there are many – are open-mouthed at the wealth of food elegant clothes, well-made blankets kitchenware, toys, precision instruments and hifi equipment. The windows are tastfully stocked.

Michael Binyon

Runcie's plea for peace

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own land and all over the world, precisely because they have never surrendered to easy talk, but march instead under the banner: 'Gott Uber Alles'."

This did not mean Christians were unwilling to cooperate with others who had a sincere desire for peace. The world stood in such great danger that Christians had to seek allies among men of goodwill everywhere.

The archbishop's sermon was translated paragraph by paragraph by Archbishop Johannes Hempel, chairman of the bishops' conference of the German Democratic Republic, to whose steadfastness and refusal to compromise in the face of considerable government pressure on the church Dr Runcie paid public tribute in Leipzig last week.

Dr Runcie also called for a religious war against "hygienic words" which fed complacency about the dangers facing the world and an end to propaganda and the "sterile abuse between East and West", which poisons language and turns other human beings into sub-human monsters".

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, attends the association's 1983 Eve of Conference Dinner at the Redwood Lodge Hotel, Failand, Bristol, 7.30

The Duke of Gloucester attends the President's Luncheon at Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street, London, 12.45.

Talks, lectures

Terrace houses in London, by Ashley Barker for Chichester Civic Society, at Dolphin and Anchor Hotel, West Street, Chichester, 7.30.

Music

Piano recital by John Humphries and Allam Schiller, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 7.30.

Early Music by Salomon String Quartet, Byng Kenrick Theatre, Univeristy of Aston, Birmingham, 7.30.

Concert by Scottish Chamber Ochestra, with James Galway (flute), Music Hall, Aberdeen, 7.30.

Concert by Richard Thompson Band, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, Cumbria, 8.30.

Recital by Janet Hilton (clarinet) and Keith Swallow (piano), St Paul's Hall, Huddersfield, 7.30.

General

Musical Fireworks Display, Recreation Ground, Brecon Road, Hay-on-Wye, 7.30.

New exhibitons

Silkscreen prints by Christopher Pratt, Glasgow Print Studio, 128 Ingram Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 4 (until Dec 8).

Fine Art by a collection of artists, and felt hangings by Freda Walker, Abbot Hall, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (until Dec 18).

Stonecarving and drawing by Rosemary Terry and Peter Ling, E. M. Flint Gallery, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (until Dec 10).

Work of the Cheltenhma At Gallery and Museum, Clarence Street, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (until Dec 3).

Last chance to see

The Highland Clearances: Paintings by Peter Seddon, St Andrews University, 10 to 5 (ends today).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,286

ACROSS

1 Fabulous way to make Carol happy (10).
9 In turn I have a voice (6).
10 Danger abroad, I do pray for resolution (8).
11 A 13 fruit tree (8).
12 Garment girl's taken out of trunk (4).
13 Making clear, etc., about record holder (10).
15 Frankness may suffice, before you are outspoken (7).
17 Slattern – English or Yugoslav? (7).
20 A close contest (10).
21 Manage to cover a wall (4).
23 Mysterious events continuing around the south (6-2).
25 Having nothing finally in one domain, move to another (8).
26 Encourage a song-writer (6).
27 Always wanting more fashionable fur around backward isle (10).

DOWN

2 Lancashire town that's no end fast (6).
3 Press Council gets first prize (8).
4 There's no honour in this old earl (10).
5 Dance with a bird where shepherd slept (7).
6 Do nothing but listen to songs (4).
7 The top tender about a pound (8).
8 This should be kept open – we always hide in that place (7,3).
12 Reprimand when pillow-case is removed (7-3).
14 Goat simply frenzied – he's overmatched (10).
16 In books, provided neckwear that's most stylish (8).
18 State carriage (8).
19 See jester standing on his head (7).
22 Weapon exploded by heartless 14 (6).
24 Dress maid-servant turned up (4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,285 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 6

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill, second reading. Debates on EEC committee reports on polluter-pays principle and on European Monetary System.

Vine disease

The Central Office of Information have issued a warning *against complacency to viticulturists*, who may dismiss phylloxera as a historical disaster which wiped out many of Europe's vines in the 19th century. If they have planted grape vines this year they should check their plants carefully for signs of the disease before leaf fall. Grape phylloxera is an aphid-like insect that damages vines in many countries but had been eradicated here. The most notable sympton is prominent galls, on the underside of the leave, which may be as much as one-quarter of an inch in diameter and are green, sometimes flushed with red. Do not try to destroy the infestation but phone the nearest Ministry of Agriculture office.

South Wales trains

British Rail is increasing the number of daily train services running between South Wales and Paddington to 23 each way from today to reduce the traffic congestion on the Severn Bridge. The one additional train leaves Cardiff at 8.48am Newport at 9.01, Bristol Parkway at 9.25, arriving Paddington at 10.56 (on Saturdays the train will start from Swansea). Return will be at 6.17pm from Paddington, arriving Bristol Parkway at 7.46, Newport at 8.09 and Cardiff at 8.26.

Bargain Saver fares can be used on this train. Prices are £17 from Swansea; £15 from Cardiff and Newport and £12 from Bristol Parkway.

Nature notes

Magpies are foraging further afield; besides their familiar chatter, they have a curious double note, like an oak creaking in a rowlock. Blackbirds are noisy at dawn and dusk: they set up a persistent, aggrieved clinking note, directed at other blackbirds roosting near them. Lesser redpolls flock to the birches and alders in the South of England, little parties of them leapfrogging over each other on the wing as they work their way along a line of treetops. Among the twigs they are as acrobatic as blue tits.

Many boughs are bare, but where leaves remain on the trees they are often brilliantly coloured. White*horn leaves are clear honey colour*; rowan leaves are crimson with pink centres; hawthorn hedges have a strong purple glow.

Hedgehogs are common on the roads, but they are preparing their winter nests of moss and dry leaves in holes in the field-banks. Once they go into hibernation, they rarely appear again until the spring. Some foxcubs are still in family parties with the vixen, but they will start life on their own as the winter closes in. DJM

Anniversaries

Births: Robert Fulton, pioneer of the steam boat, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1765; Sir Charles Lyell, geologists, Kinnordy, Scotland, 1797; Claude Monet, Paris, 1840; Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India, 1947-64, Allahabad, India, 1889; Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin, Nobel laureate 1923, Alliston, Ontario, 1891; The Prince of Wales, Buckingham Palace, 1948. Deaths: Justinian, Byzantine emperor 527-65, Istanbul, 565; Gottfried Leibniz, scientist and philosopher, Hanover, 1716; George Wilhelm Hegel, philosopher, Berlin, 1831.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.67	1.59
Austria Sch	29.10	27.50
Belgium Fr	84.00	80.00
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.77	14.07
Finland Mkk	8.82	8.42
France Fr	12.38	11.88
Germany DM	4.09	3.90
Greece Dr	157.00	149.00
Hongkong $	11.85	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.26
Italy Lira	2475.00	2365.00
Japan Yen	365.00	347.00
Netherlands Gld	4.60	4.37
Norway Kr	11.50	10.90
Portugal Esc	205.00	191.00
South Africa Rd	1.75	1.62
Spain Pta	236.50	227.50
Sweden Kr	12.14	11.57
Switzerland Fr	3.34	3.17
USA $	1.53	1.48
Yugoslavia Dnr	223.00	208.00

Retail Price Index: 340.7.
London: The *FT* Index closed up 4.5 on Friday at 725.1.
New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 14.33 on Friday at 1250.20.

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Roads

London and South-east: A501: Lane closed westbound at Euston Road (Kings Cross) junction with Mabledon Lane. B172: One lane each way, temporary signals at Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstos, N of A503 Forest Road. A4088: One lane each way at Blackbird Hill and Neasden Lane.

Midlands: M54: Lanes closed at Telford bypass; diversion at junction 5. A456: One lane, temporary signals at Welsh Gate, Bewdley. A38: One lane on Tyburn Road, Birmingham, into city.

North: A537: Buxton Road, Macclesfield, closed between Commercial Road and French Avenue, diversion signposted. Liverpool: Queensway tunnel closed 9.15pm to 5.45; diversion via Liverpool Wallasey tunnel. M62: One carriageway shared between junctions 29 (M1) and 3 (Rothwell).

A420: Temporary lights at Lyneham banks, Wiltshire, between Chippenham and Wootton Bassett. A470: One lane, temporary signals from Merthyr Tydfil to Pontypridd. A38: Lanes closed at Marsh Mills viaduct and Lee Mill, Plymouth; diversions.

Scotland: A7: Single lane, temporary lights S of Selkirk. Edinburgh: Roadworks on George Street at junction of Hanover Street and junction of Cramond Street with Quality Street. A803: Roadworks on Springburn Road, Glasgow, at junction of Hawthorn Street.

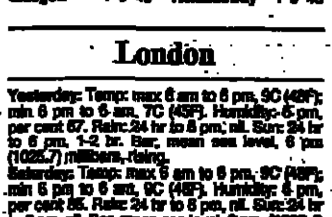
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The papers

"There is no need for Mrs Thatcher to look too hard for examples of the Victorian values she cherishes," the Daily Mirror says. "In London's East End, there are 2,500 of them. They are the rag-trade sweat shops where thousands of women work for a pittance in unsafe and unhealthy conditions .... To Mrs Thatcher, Victorian values mean happy families living in comfort. But for most people living in Victorian times, the reality was misery at home and even worse misery at work." What the sweat shop workers need are the benefits most workers already enjoy.

The Prime Minister had grasped the uncomfortable truth that Britain now had two superpowers to worry about instead of one, The Sunday Mirror said yesterday. The American invasion of Grenada had made Mrs Thatcher realize that the Reagan Administration could no longer be trusted. She might even regret accepting United States cruise missiles.

The Observer said that the Government had badly miscalculated the state of public opinion about control of cruise missiles. It was now forced to question American good will on the missiles as well as on Grenada and Lebanon. It was now clear that a change to dual British and American control of the missiles would do much to allay public misgivings about them in Britain.



Weather forecast

Pressure will be high over Britain but a trough will cross the far NE.

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, SE, Central S, E, Central N England, E Midlands: Dry, sunny periods, variable cloud, frost early and late; wind NE, moderate, occasionally fresh; max temp 6C (43F).

W Midlands, Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Dry, sunny periods, frost early and late; wind E to NE, *mainly moderate; max temp 6 to 7C* (43 to 45F).

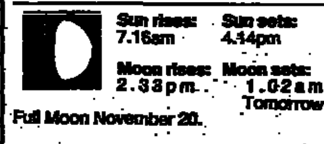
Channel Islands, SW England: Sunny intervals, variable cloud, risk of light showers, some frost inland; wind NE, moderate to fresh, locally strong; max temp 9C (48F).

Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Frost in places early and late; wind variable, light; max temp 5 to 6C (41 to 43F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, some rain or showers; wind SW to W, moderate, increasing fresh, locally strong; max temp 8C (46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Little change.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind E, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. **Straits of Dover:** Wind E, strong, perhaps locally gale; sea rough or very *rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea:* Wind E, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.



Sun rises: 7.16am — Sun sets: 4.14pm
Moon rises: 2.33pm — Moon sets: 1.02am Tomorrow
Full Moon November 20.

Lighting-up time

London 4.44 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 4.53 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 4.38 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 4.44 pm to 7.04 am
Penzance 5.10 pm to 7.04 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

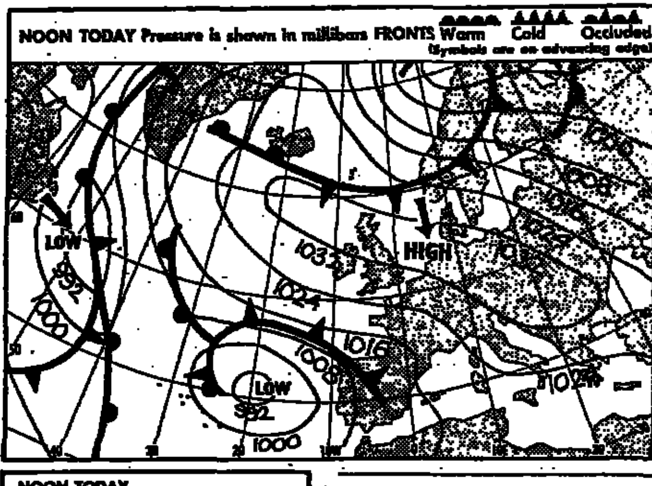
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Birmingham	c	7	45	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	f	9	48	Jersey	s	7	45
Bristol	c	7	45	London	c	9	48
Cardiff	c	7	45	Manchester	f	9	48
Edinburgh	s	9	48	Newcastle	r	8	46
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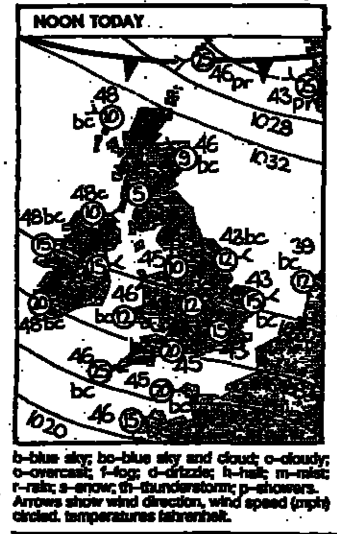
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, per cent 67. Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm (1025.7) millibars, rising.
Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, per cent 85. Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, (1023.4) millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly 13C (55F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Kirkdale 0.12in; highest sunshine: Jersey 5.6hr.
Saturday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly 12C (54F); lowest day max: Brighton 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen 0.06in; highest sunshine: Ilfracombe 0.6hr.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.04	5.4	9.07	5.6
Aberdeen	8.57	3.3	8.50	3.4
Avonmouth	1.12	8.8	2.09	9.2
Belfast	6.21	2.8	6.38	3.0
Cardiff	12.57	8.3	1.55	8.6
Devonport			12.19	4.4
Dover	5.51	5.2	6.49	5.0
Falmouth	11.49	4.2		
Glasgow	7.13	3.9	7.46	4.1
Harwich	5.56	3.3	7.10	3.4
Holyhead	5.58	4.2	5.58	4.5
Hull	12.22	5.5	1.42	6.2
Ilfracombe	12.28	6.3	1.18	6.7
Leith	9.58	4.3	10.09	4.4
Liverpool	6.19	6.9	6.42	7.3
Lowestoft	3.12	2.2	5.44	2.1
Margate	6.29	3.8	07.38	3.9
Milford Haven	12.57	4.9	1.40	5.2
Newquay		0	12.40	5.3
Oban	1.15	2.8	1.56	3.2
Penzance	11.38	4.4		
Portland	1.26	1.3	1.11	1.5
Portsmouth	6.32	3.8	6.55	3.6
Shoreham	6.01	4.7	6.39	4.6
Southampton	6.17	3.5	6.25	3.5
Swansea	12.42	6.8	1.28	7.1
Tees	11.23	6.8	1.28	7.1
Walton-on-Naze	6.04	3.2	7.20	3.3

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	17	63	Copenhgn	s	2	36	Majorca	f	20	68	Rio de Jan			
Akrotiri	f	19	66	Corfu	f	16	61	Malaga	f	20	68	Rome	c	13	55
Alexandria	c	22	72	Dallas*	s	10	50	Malta	f	17	63	Salzburg	s	4	39
Algiers	s	24	75	Dublin	c	8	46	Melbourne	c	15	59	Sao Paulo			
Amsterdam	s	2	36	Dubrovnik	s	13	55	Mexico C*	f	18	64	S Francisco*	r	17	63
Athens	c	11	52	Faro	c	20	68	Miami*	f	26	79	Santiago*			
Bahrain	s	30	86	Florence	f	13	55	Milan	c	7	45	Seoul			
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	s	4	39	Montreal*	f	9	48	Singapore	f	30	86
Barcelona	f	17	63	Funchal	f	20	68	Moscow	sn	-7	19	Stockholm	s	-2	28
Beirut	c	21	70	Geneva	c	7	45	Munich	s	2	36	Strasbourg	c	3	37
Belgrade				Gibraltar	f	19	66	Nairobi				Sydney	f	22	72
Berlin	s	2	36	Helsinki	s	-6	21	Naples	s	15	59	Tangier	s	23	73
Bermuda*	r	23	73	Hongkong	c	23	73	New Delhi	s	23	73	Tel Aviv	c	20	68
Biarritz	s	16	61	Innsbruck	c	2	36	New York*	c	12	54	Tenerife	f	24	75
Boulogne	s	5	41	Istanbul	f	8	46	Nice	c	12	54	Tokyo	c	15	59
Bordeaux	c	9	48	Jeddah				Oslo	sn	0	32	Toronto			
Brussels	s	3	37	Jo'burg	f	23	73	Ottawa				Tunis	f	19	66
Budapest	f	4	39	Karachi	s	27	81	Paris	s	4	39	Valencia	f	19	66
B Aires*	f	25	77	Las Palmas	f	26	79	Peking	s	15	59	Vancouver*	r	9	48
Cairo	c	22	72	Lisbon	r	15	59	Perth	c	19	66	Venice	s	9	48
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	c	8	46	Prague	f	1	34	Vienna	s	2	36
C'blanca	s	22	72	L Angeles*	f	19	66	Reykjavik	fg	4	39	Warsaw	s	-4	25
Chicago*	c	7	45	Luxembg	s	2	36	Rhodes	s	16	61	Washington*	r	15	59
Cologne	s	5	41	Madrid	s	16	61	Riyadh	s	32	90	Zurich	c	2	36

* denotes figures are latest available